



# Community Connections

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## Important dates:

**January 3**  
School Resumes

**January 9**  
School Improvement Plan, 5:15 p.m.  
School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
Cheney High School

**January 21**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School

**January 22**  
Attendance Boundary Review Open House, Sunset Elem., 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**January 23**  
School Improvement Plan, 5:15 p.m.  
School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
Snowdon Elementary

**January 25**  
Mid-Winter Break-Day—No School

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

My sincere hope is each and every student and family had a wonderful holiday season and that the new year is off to a great start! As we begin 2019, I would like to provide an update related to the school attendance boundary revision process and how we are addressing district growth.

In November, we utilized the Thoughtexchange process to receive input and feedback related to school attendance boundary revisions that will occur at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. During the exchange, 717 individuals participated, providing 417 thoughts and 16,160 stars (rating thoughts). Following the Thoughtexchange, we held meetings at Cheney Middle School, Westwood Middle School, and Sunset Elementary. The purpose of the meetings was to share the results of the Thoughtexchange and to receive additional community input. Recently, we also shared the top thoughts and theme results from the exchange at <http://cheneysd.thoughtexchange.com/november-2018/>.

Throughout the fall, a boundary review committee met several times to analyze community input and feedback and to discuss school attendance boundary possibilities. This committee will meet again on January 10<sup>th</sup> to finalize recommendations related to elementary and middle school attendance boundaries. We will then share the recommended revisions during a community Open House at Sunset Elementary on January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The Open House will provide interested individuals the opportunity to review proposed changes, ask questions, and provide additional feedback. Following this process, the School Board will consider adopting the proposed boundary changes during the February 13<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting.

We have spent a lot of time and effort on this process as we know adjustments to school attendance boundaries can be difficult for our children and families. I appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to plan to meet the ever changing needs of our growing school district. Although we may experience some growing pains, we are very fortunate to be able to meet the immediate facility needs of our district through the expansions occurring at Betz, Sunset, and Windsor elementary schools and Cheney High School. In addition, we are planning to relocate two portables to Snowdon Elementary in order to provide additional classroom space. Finally, as part of our long range planning process, we are working with a realtor to identify potential property within our school district for future school sites.



We appreciate the feedback we received through the Thoughtexchange process and during community meetings. This input has been extremely important to our boundary review process. If you have questions related to our school attendance boundaries or our long range facilities plans, please contact me at [roettger@cheneysd.org](mailto:roettger@cheneysd.org) or at 509-559-4502. Thank you for your continued support of our schools and district!

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Robert W. Roettger  
Superintendent

## Our essential foundations

- ★ High Expectations and Continuous Progress
- ★ Involvement and Engagement with School District Community
- ★ Stewardship and Planning

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## District Attendance Boundary Review—Open House

Thank you to everyone that has provided feed-back during the District’s attendance boundary review. We will be hosting an open house at Sunset Elementary on January 22, 2019 from 5:30—7:30 p.m. as an opportunity for the community to view the boundary proposals that will be presented to the School Board of Directors. Committee members will be present to answer any questions regarding the review process and the proposed changes.

## Cheney High School Wrestling

As the Cheney wrestling team heads into the back half of the season, they hope to build on some early successes and peak for the state tournament qualifiers. The varsity squad is young, with 10 freshmen and sophomores in the starting lineup, but they’ve put in a lot of work in the offseason to be ready to compete at a high level. The team returns two state veterans anchoring a strong middle weight lineup. They knocked one major goal off their list in December by beating East Valley (52-22) in a league dual for the first time since 1988. They are now in contention for their first League Title in 29 years, as well as defense of an Academic State Championship. A strong coordination between the middle school programs, club wrestling team, and community support are credited in building a bright future for the Blackhawk Wrestling Team. Senior Night is January 24 at 7:00 p.m. against Clarkston.



The governor has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month. This provides a great time to recognize our elected community members who selflessly give their time and energy in support of high-quality public education for our students. We appreciate the Board for volunteering their time and performing such a critical role.

## School Board Members



Henry Browne

Suzanne Dolle

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Stacy Nicol

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