

# **Community Connections**

For our children, our community, our world, our future

# Important dates:

#### March 13

Three Springs HS & Home Works! School Improvement Plan, 5:15 p.m. School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. District Conference Center

#### March 14-15

Conferences—Non-Student Days

#### March 27

School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Cheney High School

#### March 29

End of third quarter

#### April 1-5

Spring Break—No School

Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Although it is difficult to tell by the weather, the official beginning of spring is now only fifteen days away! As we approach spring, I would like to share an update on the district capital projects.

<u>Betz Elementary:</u> The seven classroom wing was completed in late summer and students and staff have occupied the new wing for several months. When the weather permits, landscape improvements will begin at the front (west end) of the building.

<u>Sunset Elementary:</u> A total of ten classrooms are being added to the building: five in the primary wing and five in the intermediate wing. In addition, a second gymnasium is nearing completion. The project is on schedule and should be complete by the end of July. All new spaces and the additional parking area will be occupied in time for the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

<u>Windsor Elementary:</u> The new eight classroom wing is nearing completion. The additional multi-purpose room is complete and will be ready for use after Spring Break. In April the kitchen area remodel will begin and will be completed by the end of July. The kitchen, classroom wing, and updated parking areas will all be available by the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Chency High School: A new thirteen classroom wing (science and math) will be completed soon and turned over for occupancy shortly after Spring Break. The new CTE spaces (metals, wood shop, robotics) are nearing completion as well. The completed classroom wing will allow staff and students from the portables to occupy space in the main building. The portables will then be removed this spring and three will be re-located to Snowdon Elementary to assist in addressing growth on the West Plains. This summer the parking improvements and transportation loop will be completed between CHS and Betz. In addition, three classrooms will be added to the entry area by the little theater that will be complete in December of this year. This summer will also include the remodel of several spaces within the high school that are associated with STEM classes. This work is possible because of a \$1,900,000 STEM grant the district recently received. The 500 seat auditorium is on schedule and should be complete and ready for use by January of 2020. The 2019-2020 school year will be a busy construction year at CHS as work will begin on the front (south end) of the building (new weight room, gymnasium, wrestling room, commons/kitchen remodel, and front entry/office work).

This is an exciting time as classrooms and educational and extra-curricular spaces are added throughout a significant portion of the district. If you have any questions about our capital projects, or our plan for addressing continued growth, please feel free to call me at 509-559-4502 or email me at rroettger@cheneysd.org.

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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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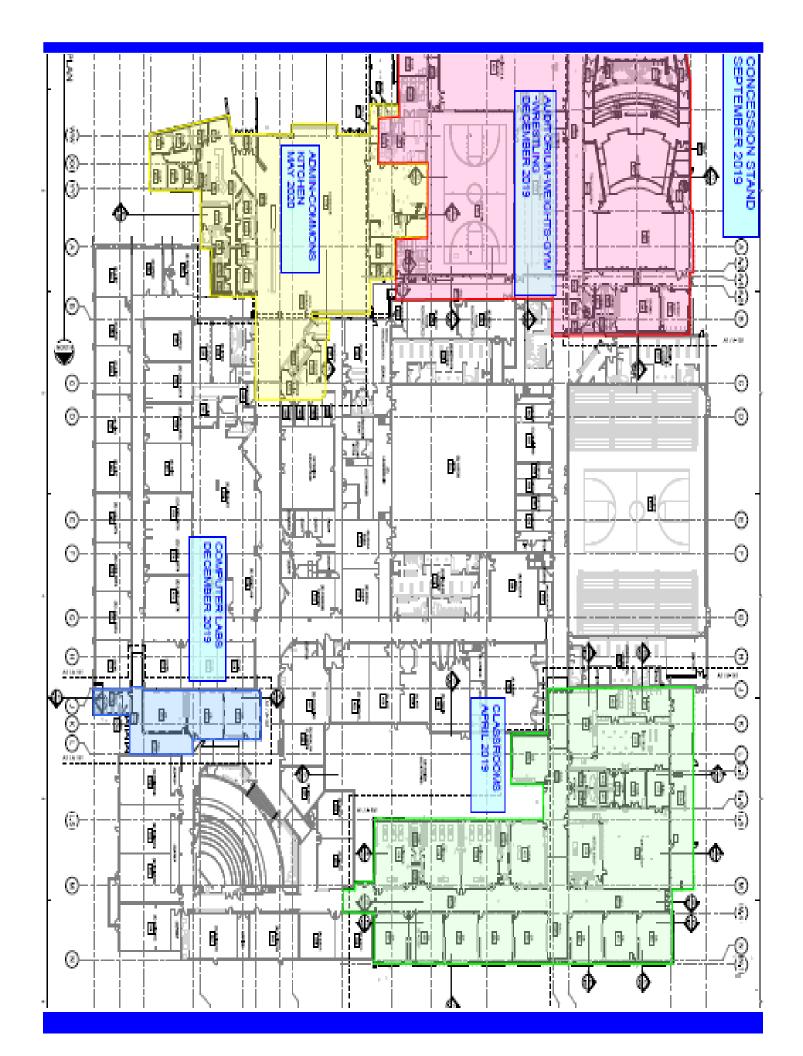


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Character Trait for March
DILIGENCE: Persistence,
Dedication and hard work



## **Rendering CHS Auditorium**



Sunset—Classroom

CHS—Welding Room



Windsor Multi-purpose Room





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