Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

The month of July seemed to fly by, and now here we are at the beginning of August. As we prepare for the start of the school year, I would like to share information about our district’s early steps in implementing PLCs (professional learning communities) and an update related to our upcoming capital projects.

Professional Learning Communities: We have a team of thirty-six district staff members attending the PLC (Professional Learning Community) Summer Institute in Seattle on August 15-17. The PLC concept supports staff collaboration in an effort to improve student achievement. Grade level and content specific collaboration focuses on four guiding questions. 1) What do we want students to know and understand (standards)? 2) How will we know when students have learned the identified standards (assessment)? 3) How will we respond if students do not learn (intervention)? 4) How will we extend learning for students who demonstrate mastery (enrichment)? Throughout the year I will provide additional information and updates related to our district efforts to improve student achievement through the Professional Learning Community model.

Capital Projects Update: During the past several months the district, our project management team (OAC) and architect (ALSC) have worked closely in preparation for our upcoming capital projects. To date we have adopted an education specification document for our elementary projects which provides consistency across the district while allowing for the unique needs of each elementary building. We are finalizing our education specification document for the high school and will seek Board approval on August 9th. The district applied for and received unanimous approval from the state PRC (Project Review Committee) to utilize the GC/CM process on our high school project. In a traditional design/bid/build process, the general contractor bids after the design of a project is complete. GC/CM will allow the district to bring a general contractor on early in our design process. This means that the general contractor, architect and district staff will work together on the design plans and manage the budget for our high school renovation and expansion. The first of our capital improvements will begin in August, when we start work on the secure entryway at Salnave Elementary School. Tentatively, we are planning to break ground on our elementary expansions at Betz, Sunset and Windsor in the spring of 2018 and at the high school in the summer of 2018.

I am truly looking forward to August 30th and the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year! As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of our school system, please feel free to contact me at 509-559-4502 or at roettger@cheneysd.org.

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

Robert W. Roettger, Superintendent
New elementary student registration

 Students in kindergarten through fifth grade who are new to the district can register at their respective schools every weekday beginning **Monday, August 14th**, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Kindergartners and students new to the district must bring a birth certificate (or proof of birth) and immunization records when registering. Immunization requirements for each grade level are available online.

We are pleased to provide full time kindergarten in all of our elementary schools.

What an exciting time in the lives of our young learners! Your principals and staff members look forward to welcoming you!

Middle school registration appointments

**Cheney Middle School** students new to the district can call 559-4400 at any time beginning August 14th to make an appointment to register.

**Westwood Middle School** students new to the district can call 559-4150 beginning August 7th for registration appointments.

Our middle schools look forward to greeting all of their students—whether new to our district, or coming from our local elementary schools and just new to the middle school experience!

High school registration

**Cheney High School** appointments for new student registration should be made in advance at any time beginning August 7th by calling 559-4000.

**Three Springs High School** students should call the school at 559-4586 on August 21st or later to make an appointment to register.

Counselors will be available to help students select the best possible classes for their schedule in order to fulfill their graduation requirements and future goals.

Bus riders—please take note!

*To guarantee transportation the first week of school (August 30—September 1) for students new to the district, you will need to have your child/children registered by August 25th.* Please print and fill out the Bus Registration Form 674, available on the District Transportation website, and return it to your school. The Transportation Department will contact parents with the correct bus information once it has been determined.

- Choice Students: Any student attending school outside of their attendance boundary will be required to provide their own transportation.
- Students who were walkers, Sunset students going into the 6th grade, or Westwood students going into the 9th grade: If you have not already completed the Bus Registration Form 674, please do so and return it to your school no later than August 18th.

If you have questions about previous or current bus information, please call the Transportation Office at 559-4523 no later than Tuesday, August 22nd, to receive an immediate response. If any change to your child’s bus information from last year occurs, you will be notified by the Transportation staff.