



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

May 5
PACE Student Awards Ceremony
EWU Hargreaves Hall, 7:30 a.m.

May 9, 10 & 12
Community Forum with Supt. Finalist
CHS, 5:00 p.m.

May 11
Employee Recognition, 5:00 p.m.
Snowdon Elem. Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.

May 17, 18 & 19
Community Conversation, 5:30 p.m.
May 17, Sunset
May 18, CHS
May 19, WMS

May 25
School Visit —
Salnave Elem.
1:00 p.m.
SIP Disc., 3:15 p.m.
Board Mtg. 4:00

May 30
No School—
Memorial Day



May Character Trait
COURAGE:
Displaying integrity in spite of obstacles and challenges

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

It is an exciting time in the Cheney Public Schools as we consider how to best address our student enrollment growth and facilities to accommodate growth. We are growing! Please join us for one of three community conversations that are scheduled in May for District facility planning purposes.

The meetings have been scheduled at various schools throughout our district; you may attend the one that is closest to your home or attend the one that is most convenient for your schedule:

Sunset Elementary School on Tuesday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m., or
Cheney High School on Wednesday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m., or
Westwood Middle School on Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

These facilitated community conversations will be designed to hear from you! A brief overview of the results of the most recent Thoughtexchange process (over 500 thoughts) and the Study and Survey (special report on our school facilities) will be shared at the beginning of the meeting. Our goal is to generate the options for addressing our enrollment growth and facilities to accommodate growth for the immediate future. The results from the community conversations will be compiled and will be presented back to our community in a fall Thoughtexchange on-line conversation.

Please join your friends and neighbors for this community conversation; RSVP to Sharon Throop at (509) 559-4502 or by email at sthroop@cheneyisd.org no later than Tuesday, May 10, to let her know which date we can expect you to attend.

Thanks to your ongoing support, we will continue to provide a quality education to all 4,355 (and counting) students!

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

Debra J. Clemens, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Our essential foundations

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

Cheney Middle School activities line: (509) 559-4488

Westwood Middle School activities line: (509) 559-4161

Cheney High School activities line: (509) 559-4120

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Welcome Families!



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Sean Dotson, Associate Superintendent
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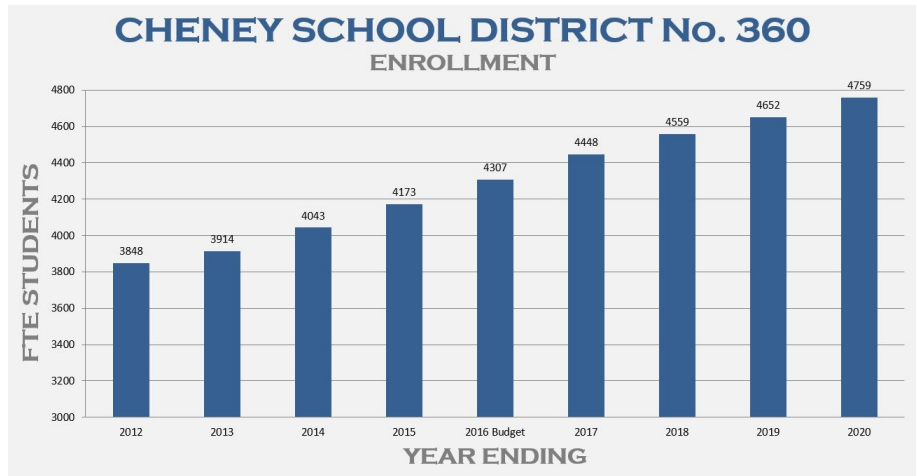
Commercial growth in our area

Continued commercial growth in our area is a key driver to our local economic growth. Recently, Spokane County identified the ten largest contributors within the District on the basis of their 2016 tax collection assessed valuation. The companies included Caterpillar Inc., United Technologies/Goodrich, and Eagle Point Apartments—none of which were even listed in our tax base as recently as five years ago.



In addition, other commercial sites in the District are currently under construction. Exotic Metals is nearing completion on its \$25 million, 150,000 square foot building in Airway Heights, which will house 150 new employees.

Seattle-based Seaport Steel is adding a \$6.9 million, 60,000 square foot building at its satellite facility in Airway Heights which will generate 20 new jobs; and Pennsylvania-based Keystone Automotive Operations Inc. built a new distribution center in Airway Heights that is expected to employ 60 people.



Our district continues to grow

We are pleased that our surrounding communities remain attractive to those relocating to our region. Enrollment grew by more than 1,000 students between 2005 and 2015. Cohort projections indicate a similar pattern of growth will continue for the foreseeable future.

More and more families are choosing to live on the Greater West Plains, and to send their children to the Cheney Public Schools. We welcome them, and are in the process of planning to accommodate this growth, and to serve their future needs.

