



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

October 12
Professional Learning Day—
No School

October 14
School Board Meeting,
Snowdon Elementary,
6:00 p.m.

October 28
School Board Meeting,
Betz Viking Room,
6:00 p.m.



October Character Trait
RESPONSIBILITY:
Being accountable, the pursuit of excellence, and the exercise of self-control

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

During the month of September we provided an opportunity to engage with our community in an innovative way as a result of our partnership with Thoughtexchange. We asked parents, staff, and community members to share their thoughts about our schools and District to help us better understand what is most important, and to make sure that we are meeting your expectations as a quality public school system. Approximately 1600 thoughts were shared. If you were able to participate, thank you for sharing your thoughts!

As a reminder, Thoughtexchange is an online engagement tool that allows us to learn from all of those who are affected by the decisions made in our District. The process is different than a typical survey because participants will have the chance to participate in and learn from three steps:

1. SHARE—answer open-ended questions about education in our schools (completed in September)
2. STAR—review ideas from others and star the ideas you like best
3. DISCOVER—learn what is important to the community as a whole

The STAR step will begin on October 1, 2015. Even if you weren't able to participate in the SHARE step, please help us to prioritize the ideas that have been compiled as a result of the SHARE step. Your participation will help us understand the priorities of our parents, staff and community members. An email will be sent to parents, staff members, and key communicators explaining how to participate in the SHARE step. If you need access to technology in order to participate in the process, please contact my office at 559-4502. If you are a community member and would like to be added to our Key Communicators List, feel free to email us at keycommunicators@cheneysd.org.

Of course, the above process is in addition to all of the ways that we receive feedback from our patrons and does not replace our open door style of communication with parents, staff, students, and community members. Thank you, in advance, for joining the conversation.

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

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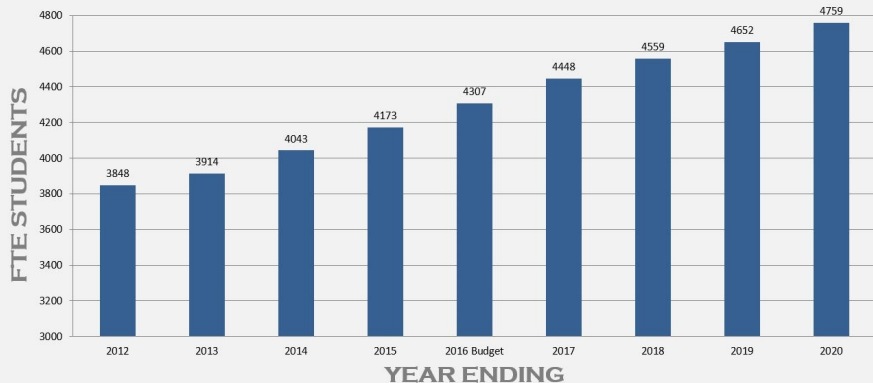
District enrollment steadily climbs

As we begin the new school year, there are approximately 60 more students in the district than in June of this year. We are now serving over 1,240 students in Cheney High School and Three Springs High School, and over 1,000 in our two middle schools. The number of students in our elementary schools is now over 2,130.

Enrollment has steadily grown in the District over the past five years, and over the next five years it is projected that enrollment will increase by another 450 students.

Enrollment growth projections

CHENEY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 360
ENROLLMENT



Welcome new staff

The District has filled many existing positions over the summer, and hired additional staff for the new school year.

Enrollment growth certainly contributed to the large number of new faces now seen across the District. In addition, program expansions such as full time kindergarten required hiring more certified teachers and paraeducators. Six additional elementary teachers were added to achieve our class size reduction targets.

Residential growth

Neighborhoods throughout the District continue to grow, with more new home construction planned. Families are relocating to our area, and we are delighted to welcome them. All of us who live and work on the West Plains understand how attractive life in our surrounding communities is, and are proud of our rural or small town atmosphere. Providing the opportunity for their young children to experience this lifestyle draws parents to our area, and to our schools. Our elementary schools serve more students each year, and these trends will likely continue as they progress through our secondary schools. Keeping up with the steady increase is a challenge, but one that we embrace.

