



Community Connections

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

Important dates:

April 6-10
Spring Vacation—
No School

April 15
School Board
Meeting—Betz
Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m.

April 29
School Board
Meeting—
HomeWorks!
SIP Discussion
5:15 p.m.
Regular Meeting
In Conference Ctr.
6:00 p.m.



April
Character Trait
TRUSTWORTHINESS:
Inspiring complete
reliability and
confidence in his/
her truthfulness,
integrity and dis-
cretion

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

At their School Board meeting on March 11, 2015, your Board of Directors decided to rerun the Cheney High School Construction Bond.

You may recall that the bond received 58.43% approval in February; it was short of the 60% approval needed to pass. As a result, your Board of Directors invited community members to their February 25, 2015 Board meeting to provide feedback on the high school construction bond. This Board meeting was well attended, and the Board heard the perspective from those in attendance. The Board then created an on-line survey, in an attempt to reach out to those who may not have been able to attend the meeting. This survey was taken by 577 people and provided the Board with additional information. Of those who completed the survey, 78% urged the School Board to rerun the bond. All of the feedback the Board received was taken into careful consideration. At their School Board meeting on March 11, 2015 your Board of Directors passed a Bond Resolution to rerun the Cheney High School Construction Bond in the April 28, 2015 Special Election.

The Board of Directors is committed to providing information to the community about the high school construction bond. Later this month, you will receive a Bond Information document by mail. You are also invited to visit Cheney High School to understand the purpose of the Bond and the needs at Cheney High School. The tours are scheduled on the following upcoming dates: Thursday, April 16, 2015 or Monday, April 20, 2015 both at 8:15 a.m.; RSVP to attend a tour by emailing Troy Heuett, Principal of Cheney High School, at theuett@cheneysd.org; or calling him at 509-559-4001. You may also schedule a tour at another time if the above dates or times will not work for you.

If you have questions regarding the School Board's decision or would appreciate further information in advance of the mailing you will receive later this month, please contact my office at 509-559-4500.

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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
Westwood Middle School activities line: (509) 559-4161
Cheney High School activities line: (509) 559-4120

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*Watch for
Cheney High School
Construction Bond
information arriving
in your mailbox
the week of April 13, 2015*

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Residential growth continues

You can hear the sound of pounding in many neighborhoods. It seems ever-present these days, as one house after another is constructed to accommodate the families relocating to our area. It is a delight to see the two- and three-year-old children holding hands with their parents as they walk to the park to play. We live in a wonderful community, and it seems that everyone has discovered the beauty and convenience of living on the West Plains.



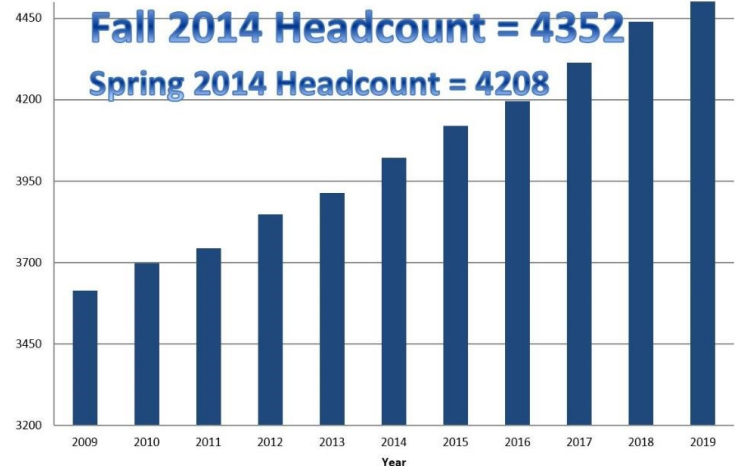
Commercial growth continues

The growth isn't limited to housing rooftops. If you drive down Hallett Road you can see large equipment moving dirt around a vacant lot, as the workers prepare for the construction of another commercial building on the West Plains. The *Journal of Business* has reported the opening of another new company which will bring 60 more jobs to the area. These announcements almost feel like a regular occurrence as our local economy recovers and commercial growth continues on the West Plains.

Planning for growth

As a school district, it is important to research and create a solid plan to respond to enrollment growth. District leaders met with each of our cities' planning departments and Spokane County to better understand the growth that we are experiencing. They have informed the District of the permitting they have approved and how many additional homes will be constructed over the next five years.

Enrollment Growth Projections



Long-term facilities planning is critical to the District's success. In 2008, your school district participated in a 'study and survey' process which was updated in 2010. The District has worked steadily to address the recommendations in that report. It began with the construction of two new middle schools, followed by the construction of Snowdon Elementary School. The District is now in the process of addressing the facility needs of Cheney High School and also has plans for purchasing property on the West Plains for another elementary school. In 2016 the District will begin another 'study and survey' process to create a plan for the next 10 years.

The District is on track and on time for addressing school facility needs, thanks to our communities' support.