



# Community Connections

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

## Important dates:

**March 10-14**  
Classified  
Employee Week

**March 12**  
School Visit —  
Westwood MS  
1:00 p.m.  
SIP Discussion  
3:15 p.m.  
Regular Meeting  
4:00 p.m.

**March 26**  
School Board  
Meeting—Salnave  
SIP Discussion  
5:15 p.m.  
Regular Meeting  
6:00 p.m.



March  
Character Trait  
**DILIGENCE:**  
Persistence,  
dedication and  
hard work

Friends of Cheney Public Schools,

We are growing.

Our student enrollment has grown over the last several years, and continues to grow this year. This is positive because we have beautiful new facilities at the elementary and middle school level to accommodate the growth. It also creates some challenges as students arrive in classrooms that are already at capacity. When possible, we have added new classrooms mid-year. This has occurred twice this year at Snowdon Elementary School. Although mid-year adjustments are challenging, it is important for us to meet our class size goals whenever possible.

We are already beginning to plan our staff needs for next year, and one of our first steps is to determine how to align our staff with our enrollment. Based upon a first look at our enrollment for next year, we will be able to return our elementary students to their home school by adding approximately five classroom teaching positions. Again, our goal is to keep our elementary students in their neighborhood elementary school. We also know that class size contributes to a positive learning experience for our students; therefore, we are planning for staff levels to achieve our class size goals.

Although we have plenty of capacity at Cheney and Westwood Middle Schools, we are beyond capacity at Cheney High School. Based upon current student enrollment, our expected enrollment at Cheney High School will be 1,235 students in the fall. Although this may seem like a small number compared to our neighbors at Lewis and Clark High School (1,828 students), it is the largest enrollment in Cheney High School's history.

Thanks to your support, we continue to provide a quality education to all 4,223 (and counting) students!

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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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*Welcome Families!*



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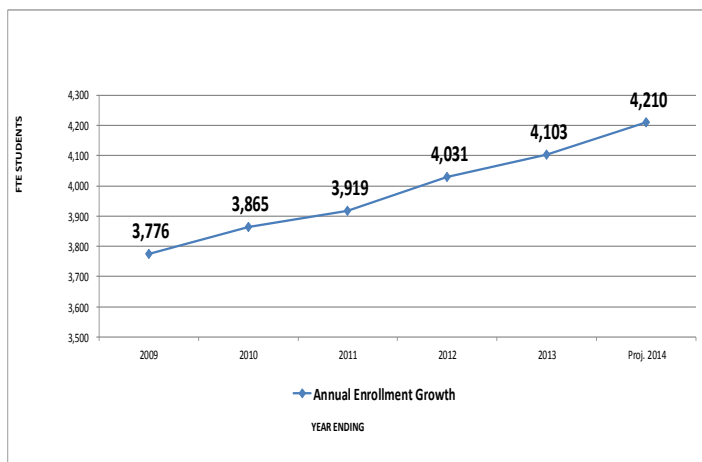
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## Enrollment growth trends

School districts have a responsibility for planning for current and future enrollment. Decisions about facilities are made based upon a 'Study and Survey' process that is funded by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The last Study and Survey was completed in 2009 and updated in 2010. The next time the District is eligible for a Study and Survey is 2016. That's okay, because we are still working on implementing the recommendations from the 2009 Study and Survey which indicated that we would have facility needs within each grade band: PK-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

A Citizens' Facility Committee worked all year to bring forward a recommendation to the School Board for a bond resolution to support an addition to Cheney High School. The expansion would add necessary classroom space, provide a larger commons area, relocate administration offices, and add gym space and performing arts space in order to meet both student enrollment growth and programming needs. Subsequently, the School Board agreed that a CHS remodel bond proposition should be run in February 2015. Facts about the bond will be distributed this fall.



As you can see on the chart above, the number of students being served in our schools continues to increase.

## Transporting students

As our enrollment grows, so do our transportation services. This school year we have added two busses to accommodate the students who have enrolled this school year: one regular route, and one special services route.

The addition of busses is a decision that is based upon current bus loads, the amount of time students ride the bus, and the location of special programs. Our Transportation Director, Paul Harris, carefully reviews this information on a regular basis as new students enroll throughout the school year.

We are so grateful for our communities' support of the Transportation Vehicle Fund Levy which provided an up-to-date bus fleet for our growing school district.

