

January 2018

Happy New Year to all of the Weld 8 family! As we begin the second half of our school year together, I want to share with you the progress your bond dollars are providing for our students.

We are opening the new Little Trappers Preschool with 196 students aged 3-4 who will attend the new state of the art facility **beginning on January 23, 2018**. I appreciate your patience with the mid-year move combining two schools into one. I know it is a challenge for you as parents as well as the teachers who are relocating. Our number one goal is to provide your students with a safe and secure environment. This building, along with our other schools, has state of art security measures in order to provide for the safety of all of our kids.

Fort Lupton High School Phase 2 Construction is now finished as well. It provides a new Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics area that will allow our students to move through the process of design-to-build. This area will target our students who are interested in both college and career development. We continue to partner with Aims Community College to provide both College and Career-Oriented Concurrent Enrollment opportunities. We have many opportunities that are only available to students at Fort Lupton High School, and I encourage each of you to check out the high school opportunities as your student matriculates through our educational system.

We are beginning the construction at Twombly Elementary in January and will keep the Twombly families updated on the progress. We are working with Haselden Construction to insure the minimum disruption to the learning environment. We are slated to have all Bond projects completed in August 2018. We will meet this month with the Calendar Committee to have a two-year calendar for the years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 as a recommendation to the Board of Education.

The New Year brings HOPE for everyone. I have often thought about the word **HOPE** as an acronym for **H**elping **O**ther **P**eople **E**very day. I believe that our teachers must touch a heart before they can touch a head. Kids know and learn better when they feel an adult in the classroom cares about them as an individual.

As such, I continue to emphasize my two keys to the learning process for students: Relationships and Best Instructional Practices. We continue to assist our leaders and teachers in the daily instructional delivery and believe that every employee understands the importance of relationships. We believe in the partnership between the school and the students along with their families. Please feel free to contact me with any of your celebrations or concerns.

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