Dear D51 Families and Colleagues:

As we approach the holiday season, I want to thank you for your continued support of our students. Today, more than ever, we need to give our students the best possible foundation for their future. This means we must foster a culture of excellence in our schools that inspires students to be the best they can be. It means we must work together to ensure that every student has the resources they need to succeed.

In the last few weeks, I have had the pleasure of visiting several schools and seeing firsthand how our students are thriving. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work and dedication. Your efforts make a difference in the lives of our students.

This month, we are celebrating the five-year anniversary of Measure 3A and Measure 3B, which were passed by our community in 2017. We would like to share how the funds from these bond issues have been used to support our schools.

FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF 2017 BOND/MILL LEVY

Earlier this month we celebrated the five-year anniversary of Measure 3A and Measure 3B. These bond issues provided funding for significant improvements in our schools. With the funds from these bond issues, our school district has been able to update our curriculum and instructional materials, as well as the training and professional development of our staff.

Because of your support, our students are now provided the necessary resources and tools to succeed. These funds have also been used to add safety and security features, such as security vestibules, at all schools.

Our school district does not receive additional funding from the state for many school needs, our schools that receive Title I funds have the opportunity to choose how to use these funds. We would like to share how the funds from these bond issues have been used to support our schools.

BOOK VENDING MACHINES

As part of our efforts to support reading and literacy, we have introduced book vending machines in our schools. These machines allow students to earn coins for good behavior, and the coins can be used to select a book from the machine.

The books in the vending machines are filled with exciting titles for our students. Our students then earn vending machine points for good behavior, and the points can be used to select a book from the machine.

It is important to recognize the role of community partners in our schools. Engaged & Supportive Community Partners.

During the month of November, we celebrate the partnerships that we have made along the way, and I look forward to our schools coming up with even more creative ways to engage our community partners.

There are many things that impact our students’ education, but research shows that if there is strong family involvement, this will positively impact their academic performance, which will have long-term benefits.

Our school district helps build a stronger community, and we are thankful for the support of our community partners.

I was excited to get to use a coin and select a book, myself, at one of my school visits. This is a great way to recognize those kiddos that are going above and beyond at our schools.

Angela Christensen from the D51 Foundation for organizing the entire visit. A strong partnership with the community helps to ensure that all children have a fair, equitable, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. Our goal is to ensure that all students have access to the resources they need to succeed.

While these monies will unfortunately not result in additional school days to grow academically, they will ensure that our schools have the best tools and resources possible. Our school district does not receive additional funding from the state for many school needs, our schools that receive Title I funds have the opportunity to choose how to use these funds.

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We're excited to announce that construction for the new Grand Junction High School will begin in January. This is a significant milestone for our school district, and we are looking forward to seeing the progress that will be made.

We are committed to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to engage in meaningful learning experiences. Our school district helps build a stronger community, and we are thankful for the support of our community partners.

Thank you for your continued support of our students.

Dr. Brian Hill
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