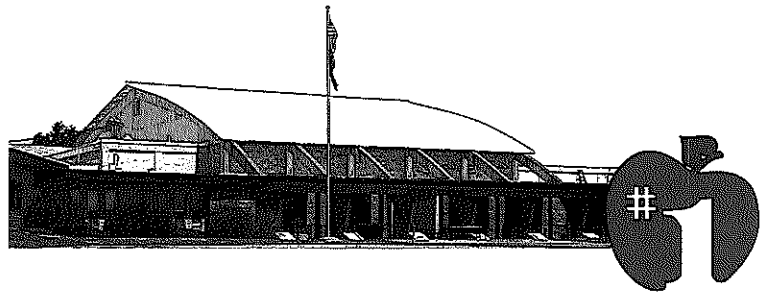


# WASCO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #29

## DUFUR SCHOOL

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Dear Community Friends and Neighbors,

Your public schools...  
There's no better place to learn.

While we all have been dealing with all of the unprecedented challenges that this last year has brought, there have been some exciting things happening at Dufur School. In the spring of 2020, the district completed Phase I of the bond project that was generously passed by the community in 2018. These safety improvements and necessary upgrades to the school infrastructure have already proven to be beneficial to assist the administration and teaching staff with providing quality education for our students. Additional improvements will continue both inside and outside during Phase II of the bond project that should be completed this summer.

With the physical growth and changes to the school building & campus, and in response to the dramatic changes to education brought on by the pandemic this past year, the Dufur School Board began to look at additional opportunities that Dufur School could support our students. For many years, Dufur School was fortunate to have two separate Foundations that supports secondary education for graduating seniors: The Jerri Walker Depriest Endowment Fund and the Dufur School Scholarship Foundation. In addition to the many different scholarships these funds provide to students for post-secondary education, there is also the Barbara Garner Endowment Fund for Arts in Education that supports special projects and events like the Missoula Children's Theatre. Over the last several years, as these funds have continued to grow, Dufur School has been able to offer a wide variety of scholarship options that are oftentimes not available for students in schools of our size. It is with this continued growth in mind that the Dufur School Board decided to create a new education foundation to increase our support for students, teachers and the community.

Today I am excited to announce the formation of the Ranger Pride Education Foundation. This new effort will be an expansion of our current scholarship foundation and will include additional funds to help even more students in a variety of different ways, both in and out of the classroom. To begin this transition, we have hired Cynthia Kortge as the Executive Director, and together with a new Board of Trustees we are creating new funds, updating policies and procedures, and discussing even more ways that we can impact the students and families of Dufur School. The Jerri Walker Depriest Endowment Fund will remain a separate foundation with their current Board of Trustees.

The Ranger Pride Education Foundation is an exciting opportunity to expand education options for all of our students. We are looking forward to working together for the continued success in our district. As we begin to return to in-person instruction and even more activities and events we will share more information about the foundation and how you can get involved. If you have additional questions, please contact the school or reach out to Cynthia at [Cyn.kortge@dufur.k12.or.us](mailto:Cyn.kortge@dufur.k12.or.us)

Go Rangers!

Sincerely,

Jack Henderson, Superintendent