

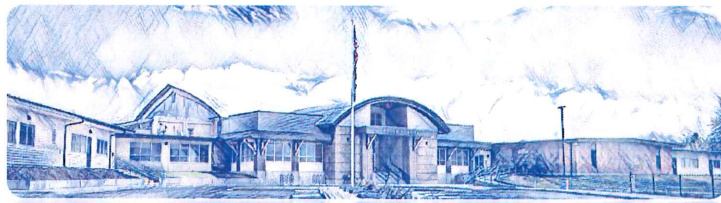
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Dear Dufur School Supporters,

As I reflect on the challenges that we have faced over the past two years in dealing with COVID-19, I find myself feeling a deep sense of gratitude to the Dufur School staff as well as the entire Dufur School family. I will forever be proud of the fact that, although challenging, the last two years have seen great growth of and improvements in programs in the Dufur School District. The resilience shown by all involved has been the key to our successes through the pandemic.

This week I had the opportunity to participate in core reading review meetings with elementary staff. At each level, growth has continued to be evident in Dufur School. Although many want to talk of losses, Dufur School has continued to progress. Our elementary reading scores are a great example of this fact. These meetings also provide the opportunity for our staff to develop strategies to best meet the needs of our students for the remainder of the year. **Thanks to our dedicated elementary staff for striving to reach all students' needs!**

Another highlight for me this year has been the near daily enrichment activities throughout Dufur School. Yesterday, the second grade classes were involved in a drawing and painting project that is possible through a partnership with Arts in Education of the Gorge. I saw students who were focused and truly engaged in these activities. A huge **"Thank You!"** to all who have worked diligently to provide these activities for students at every level. These opportunities will expand in the years to come.

On Wednesday of this week, the **Ranger Tech Program** once again provided great possibilities for Dufur High School students. In its first year, Ranger Tech has been a smashing success by any measure. We look forward to this becoming a K-12 program during the upcoming years.

The Ranger Pride Education Foundation continues to grow and thrive. Its direction is twofold:

1. Continue to provide scholarship support for Dufur High School graduates.
2. Raise money to expand Dufur School offerings.

As the news is filled with changing guidelines in dealing with COVID in schools, I am thankful that we are at a point where guidance is changing in a manageable direction. This will continue to change in the coming days as we return to a more normal school experience for our students and staff. **North Central Public Health** has been a great partner in dealing with the challenges

that we have faced, and will continue to be as we move forward. As important has been the **tireless work by Dufur School staff** in dealing with the ever-changing guidance received from state and federal government agencies. Our nurse's office has made a very challenging situation manageable, which has allowed continued program improvement. **Thanks to our nursing staff for their dedication to Dufur families!**

We will continue to communicate as guidance becomes more clear. In the meantime, **thank you all for your part in making Dufur School a great place to learn!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Jack Henderson, Superintendent