Wasco County School District #29 Dufur School

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Dear Dufur School Supporters,

As graduation once again approaches, I want to take the opportunity to update you on Dufur School District's 2022/2023 school year.

First, a big congratulations to the Class of 2023! This is a class that worked through the COVID-19 experience and were focused and undeterred in their goal of gaining a quality education; great job, Class of 2023! The Class of 2023 as a whole will receive nearly \$200,000 to pursue their post-secondary educational dreams from the Jerri Walker DePriest Endowment Fund and the Ranger Pride Education Foundation—an amazing success story of a community that loves their kids and supports them in every way imaginable! A huge thank you to all that have supported these funds through the years and have ensured that they continue to grow and support Dufur students.

Other great successes that have been achieved during the 2022/2023 school year include:

- The Eight-Man Classic returned after a 3-year hiatus and was a huge success
- The district updated the security system throughout Dufur School, leading to a safer environment for all students and staff
- A record amount of scholarship dollars will be awarded to Dufur High School students during graduation week
- Our Career Technical Educational Program continues to flourish
- The district will have brought in over 3 million dollars in grants for the upcoming year by the end of June
- The district adopted a new Health Education Curriculum for grades K-5, and implemented the program with our school nurse and counselor
- DHS inducted a record number of members into the National Honor Society
- The Lady Ranger Golf Team finished second in the OSAA 1A/2A/3A/4A golf state championship tournament
- The One Community Health mobile van has been on campus twice a month providing health services for students and staff
- The district completed consideration of opening a school-based health center on campus, formed a partnership with One Community Health, and are moving forward with pursuing grant funds to complete the project, with the goal of opening in December 2023

- The Ranger Pride Education Foundation (RPEF) completed several successful fundraisers, including the annual Walkathon and Ranger Open Golf Tournament
- The RPEF provided funding for scholarships and, in partnership with the Mead Family, purchased a scoreboard in memory of Grant Mead and Walter Hanna
- The RPEF established the "Raising Rangers Up Fund" with resounding success
- The annual Veterans Day Program returned with a packed gym honoring all that served and are currently serving
- The annual Dufur's Got Talent talent show returned and showed the many talents that Dufur School students possess
- The district's partnership grew with the Wasco County Sheriff's Office
- The senior class recently went to Disneyland for a "Grad Night" experience at the park

There are many things to be proud of, and much work remains to continue the traditions of the Dufur School District.

Have a great, safe summer!

Jack Henderson, Superintendent