

Cougar Parents,

Central Community High School would like to express appreciation for the support from parents and the entire school community during the 2016-17 school year. Working together as a team is one of the most important characteristics in creating a successful educational environment. The atmosphere at Central certainly reflects a system with positive relationships existing between community, home, and school. We thank you for creating this type of environment!

The Class of 2017 has graduated and those students will be remembered for great achievements and accomplishments. These students were successful both academically and in extracurricular activities. It was a class full of many mature and independent young individuals. We are confident that many will have great successes in their post-secondary pursuits at universities, community colleges, technical schools, the military, or various work environments. We wish them well in all future endeavors!

We are also very proud of the level of success that all of our other students have attained over the past year. I encourage parents to stay involved with students throughout the summer and into the 2017-18 school year. Over the summer, we will be developing new strategies and goals in the School Improvement Plan which will include several revisions to next year's activities. Our professional development plans for next year will enhance instructional methods. Many sections of the Career and Technical programs will have new courses and instructional materials in their areas. Over the next two years, the Language Arts Department will be studying their curriculum and preparing for course revisions, instructional methods, and new materials. School improvement planning is a constant part of the mindset at Central and we will continue to always work to get better at serving students.

At the onset of the 2017-18 school year we will be implementing the new One-to-One Chromebook Initiative with a deployment of a Chromebook to every student during the first few days of classes. We have several goals for technology usage in our classrooms for next year. They will include more utilization of Chromebooks and Google Classroom programs. Many teachers are already taking advantage of these excellent instructional tools. We will be coupling this with some parent education and continued professional development for our teachers. The curriculum in all subjects will, to a larger degree, be based on activities using these systems. The strong technology programs we have in place will continue to be enhanced with more integration in classrooms and a new mindset of using technology as a tool of instruction. We anticipate a more modern, technologically based instruction for our students. The students and staff at Central are excited to get started with these opportunities!

We are also involved in a series of planning activities that will involve all stakeholders in the school district. A long range planning effort that could eventually result in a replacement of current HVAC systems and a renovation of outdoor facilities. It also could produce additions of a modern Media/Technology Center and spacious Band/Music

Center to offer more to students for years to come. The Board of Education is focused on providing the best possible educational opportunities for students and facility needs are a major component in supporting those services. We are excited about the possibilities for future generations and our responsible development efforts for the best interests of our community. Parental and community support will be necessary in this process.

Overall, we strongly encourage all parents to become even more involved with their students pursuits and their educational goals at Central. Groups such as the PAWS Organization, the Committee to Support Central, and the School Community Council need your support. Please get involved in these avenues so that the school can gain your support and ideas for improvement. We would also like to see all of you communicate directly with the staff members at Central. Your input and communication is important to us and we want you to take advantage of those opportunities.

Again, I would like to thank each of you for your assistance in making 2016-17 a successful school year. We look forward to working with parents in making next year even better. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming school year or any matter concerning Central Community High School, do not hesitate to contact me at [kmeyer@centralcougars.org](mailto:kmeyer@centralcougars.org) or at 526-4510.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

*Kevin Meyer*