

The Weekly Comet

From Dr. Tom Meyer, Superintendent of the Bellevue Community School District

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Upcoming Events, Early Dismissals, and “No School” Days

- April 17 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- May 8 - 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Teacher Professional Learning
- May 24 - “Beyond the Blue” Recognition Program for past graduates and contributors to the district
- May 24 - Last Day of School for the 2023-2024 School Year
- May 25 - Bellevue High School Graduation - 4:00 PM
- August 23 - TENTATIV E 1st day of school for the 2024-2025 school year

Stakeholder Survey

As you are likely aware, the Bellevue CSD is seeking a new superintendent for the district based upon my acceptance of a new position in the Clear Creek County School District in Idaho Springs, Colorado (my resignation letter is on the second page). As a result, the district is seeking input from stakeholders (parents, community members, staff, students, etc.) in the qualities of a new superintendent for the district. This survey can be found at the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/BellevueSupt>

Solar Eclipse Learning

Students throughout the district viewed the solar eclipse (85% in our area) on Monday, April 8. The district purchased “eclipse glasses” for students to share as they viewed the eclipse in a safe manner for a limited amount of time. Learning about how an eclipse occurs, and its “rarity” overall was an outstanding learning experience for our students.



DNR at Bellevue Elem

Tony from the Department of Natural Resources was in the district to talk about the American Bison with students. The services provided by the DNR are appreciated.



Work-Based Learning

The district has several students in work-based learning sites across the area, including Kaden Guenther at Germaine Electric. Kaden shared the following about his experience: “Skills that I learned in school are relayed into the work environment more than I would think. It shows that higher education can build a career in the trades.”



Survivor

The BHS Student Council is once again having their “Survivor” competition for students. Several students stayed at school from Sunday-Friday, or until they lose a competition. As of Wednesday morning the following students were still active.



Letter accepted by the Board of Education on 4.8.24

March 28, 2024

Dear Bellevue CSD School Board:

It is with a mix of emotions that I write to inform the Bellevue Community School District and the Bellevue community of my decision to step down from my role as Superintendent of Schools at the Bellevue CSD on June 30, 2024. This decision is driven by my eagerness to explore new career avenues and embrace fresh challenges. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities and experiences I have had at the Bellevue CSD, and I eagerly anticipate the next chapter in my professional journey.

During my 20-year tenure, I have had the honor of serving the Bellevue Community School District in various roles - as superintendent, middle/high school principal, and district curriculum director. This journey has been defined by developing meaningful relationships with our outstanding students and many other individuals in diverse roles within the district - Board members, teachers, associates, custodial/facilities/transportation staff, food service, and many others. The support and appreciation from the Bellevue CSD community have been invaluable, and I am proud of the positive contributions I have made to the district's growth and success.

The district has changed significantly over the last 20 years. From the introduction of new technologies for both staff and students - specifically the successful integration of 1:1 devices for students - along with changes to the curriculum to better meet student needs, facilities improvements of the past - the addition to the middle/high school building - and the passage of the bond referendum. These changes will continue to positively impact the district and its students for years to come, along with other improvements that will continue to evolve for the district. Additionally, the district is in strong financial standing at this time, with an increase in enrollment overall for the district compared to 10+ years ago.

Bellevue, and the Bellevue CSD, is an exceptional place to work and live. I am confident that the district will continue flourishing under new leadership in the role of superintendent. I am fully prepared to assist this individual during their transition, and I will always be available for any questions or support they may need.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to work under strong Board of Education leadership and with strong leaders in the school system and the community. The teachers and staff truly care about students and their futures, which shows daily. Finally, the students in our system are amazing. Students, and others, continue to leave a lasting impact on my own professional development and learning daily.

As I have stated for many years....Believe in the Blue. Believe in Bellevue.

Thanks for the experiences and opportunities,

Tom Meyer