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Dear Pirate Nation,

If I was asked to pick one word to describe this week's Tuesday Talk, it would be CELEBRATIONS! We have so many great things to share with you this week—so proud of the amazing things going on in our District! Last weekend our celebrations were kicked off celebrating Piper High School Homecoming Festivities. On Friday, the Piper Education Foundation hosted a wonderfully attended alumni dinner, the homecoming parade was, we crowned Abby Cahill and Langston Bassett Homecoming Queen and King, enjoyed a NAIL-BITING football game in which our Piper Pirates bravely fought down to the last play of the game, and then on Saturday night our high school students dressed up for the Homecoming Dance.

On a personal note, it was a big weekend of celebrations for The Dain Train as well! Brock Dain celebrated his GOLDEN birthday turning 18 years old on September 18th. The next day, we were able to watch Ashton play soccer and the Northwest Bearcats won 2 to 1 on a goal with seven seconds left in the game. Lastly, I am not afraid to share, although I may be pretending it didn't happen, that yesterday I was able to join the 49+ Club! YEP, the BIG 5-0! My stomach has not-so-respectfully requested that I immediately stop inhaling the Italian sausage, spaghetti, garlic bread, Chinese food, red velvet cake, ice cream, and Tippin's French Silk Pie which I happily consumed over the last 72-hours in the spirit of celebration!

Piper School District Earns KC Metro Accolade

Early this morning, the Piper School District was notified that we were named as one of Niche's Best Private and Public School Districts in the Kansas City Area! This is a prestigious honor and one that has been earned by the whole community: our amazing students, families, staff, administrators, and community stakeholders. [Click here](#) to see more. CONGRATULATIONS PIPER!

Substitute Teachers Needed

We are in need of qualified substitute teachers. Those who possess at least 60 college hours are eligible to apply for an emergency substitute license. Substitutes in Piper USD 203 are staffed through Morgan Hunter Education and earn a complete \$120 per day for working with our amazing students. If you are interested in applying to be a sub in Piper, [click here](#) to apply with Morgan Hunter Education.

Approval of Bond Resolution

As was shared with you last week, the Board of Education passed a Bond Resolution 7 to 0 to move forward with a Bond Campaign in January 2022.

Bond Campaign Phase I: \$64 Million Bond Campaign January 25, 2022

Phase I balances the needs to address deferred maintenance, traffic flow, secondary capacity numbers, early childhood needs and planning for future growth and **ensuring that all students benefit from improvements**. The following items are included in Phase I:

- Expansion of the current Piper Creek Elementary to become the new Piper High School **\$46,000,000**
 - o 100,000 square foot addition +/-
 - o Performing Arts Center
 - o Career & Technology Education Building
 - o Campus Athletics

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- o Site Upgrades
- Renovations to the current Piper Middle School to become the new home of Piper Creek Elementary **\$10,000,000**
 - o New Front Entrance & Exterior Enhancements
 - o Safe Parent Pick up and Drop off Site improvements
 - o Total Re-imagining to create a state of the art Elementary
 - o Including Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Data upgrades
- Updates to the current Piper High School to become the new Piper Middle School **\$1,500,000**
 - o Site & Parking Improvements
 - o Safe Parent Pick up and Drop off improvements
- Improvements to Piper Prairie Elementary **\$1,000,000**
 - o Safe Parent Pick up and Drop off
 - o Site Development
- Relocation of the Piper Early Childhood Center to the former Piper East Elementary building **\$3,000,000**
 - o 3 Pod Classroom Upgrades
 - o Site Upgrades
- Land Acquisition **\$500,000**
- District Technology Upgrades **\$2,000,000**
 - o District wide technology infrastructure
 - o Deferred Maintenance

Based on current needs of the district and projections for the future, the items below would be part of a second bond campaign. It is important that this would be a separate bond resolution that would need to be approved by the Kansas Board of Education before going to the voters in approximately January of 2026. The district will continue to assess needs and the district grows and changes and finalize its needs prior to bringing forward a second bond.

Bond Campaign Phase II: \$39 Million - January 2026

- Expansion of Piper High School with additional space for CTE **\$4,000,000**
- Third Elementary Building **\$23,500,000**
- Piper Prairie Deferred Maintenance **\$1,500,000**
- Piper Middle School Deferred Maintenance **\$3,500,000**
- District Technology Upgrades **\$2,000,000**
- Piper Administration & Board Room **\$2,000,000**
- Maintenance Building / Bus Building **\$2,500,000**

Pending approval by the Kansas State Board of Education, we will continue to educate the community on this upcoming bond election as we prepare to ensure that both our students and our district facilities and assets are #FUTUREREADY. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

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COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies Discussion

Board of Education is dedicated to monitoring our COVID-19 data and discussing district protocols on a monthly basis. As we consider COVID protocols, please know that circumstances may change and, in turn, influence our decision-making and actions throughout the remainder of the summer, the start of school, and throughout the fall and winter. We will continue to keep our school families informed and updated. The safety of students, staff, and our community is, and will continue to be, our top priority. Please know that there may be instances during the upcoming school year where unpredicted or unexpected circumstances lead to us needing to make quick decisions. If this occurs, we will communicate with you as quickly as possible. **If you are interested in sharing your feedback regarding our current mitigation strategies, please email Mr. Mitch Nutterfield, Board Clerk, at mutterfield@piperschools.us to speak at the October 11th Meeting. Community members wishing to speak will need to be signed up one week prior to the meeting; that date is October 4th.**

At the current time, we have created a spot on our district website with [Frequently Asked Questions](#) regarding the specific COVID protocols we are following at this time.

Please find below our weekly update on District COVID data:

	Students (Aug. 19- Sept. 17) *Running Total	New Student Cases (Week of Sept 13-17)	Staff (Aug 13-Sept 17) *Running Total	New Staff Cases (Week of Sept. 13-17)
Piper Early Childhood	0	0	0	0
Piper Prairie Elementary	12	9	4	3
Piper Creek Elementary	4	2	0	0

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Piper Middle School	7	0	0	0
Piper High School	5	3	3	0
TOTALS	28 (Running Total)	14	7 (Running Total)	3

RECYCLED INFORMATION

Lifetime Golden Agers Activity Pass

Do you know any community members ages 65+ years young? If so, please remind them that Piper High School offers a Lifetime Golden Agers Activity Pass that is good at All Frontier League Athletic Events (Excludes tournaments, KSHSAA events, plays and musicals). Passes can be picked up at Piper High School; please have them ask for Dr. Taylor Mapp or Mrs. Sarah Barnes.