Our Mission
To create a school culture which will promote excellence in education through exemplary student learning in a safe environment.

Custer County Schools Report to the Community 2017

Our Vision
To prepare our students to compete on the world stage for the college or career pathway of their choice.
Dear Custer County School District Community,

Wow. What an exciting year! From a new high school principal to the challenges of overcoming the Junkins Fire for our homecoming activities—this has been a year of both growth and opportunity for the district and our students.

One of the largest projects we completed this year was a new “Facilities Major Maintenance Plan” which took about six months to complete. An outside firm conducted a review of our facilities and created a master plan so that we may focus on preventative maintenance practices instead of reactive measures. The facilities plan became the basis for a competitive BEST grant facilities improvement application and we were awarded a grant of $6.4 million which the district will need to contribute $4.7 million through a bond levy this November.

Another major project undertaken during the past school year was the completion of a new “Strategic Plan”. The plan was put together by a number of community stakeholders and includes goals and targets around the areas of improving student academic success, continuing to develop student technology skills, improving communications at all levels, recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers and staff, and providing for a safe school environment for our students.

This past year also saw a number of “pilot” projects which are still considered works in progress including offering an à la carte line for meals, a varied menu of meal options, providing high-quality affordable teacher housing renovated by our construction trades class, and further implementation of 90 Day Action Plans to increase student achievement. The district also updated the state required Unified Improvement Plan and included decreasing behavioral incidents, which have been on the rise, as a part of the district’s overall major improvement strategies.

Fiscally the district faces the same challenges as every other district in the state—resources are stagnant or declining. We are expected to do more with less, and the district has focused on being more efficient and timely in procuring the materials we need to educate our children, as well as moving up the hiring cycle earlier in the year so we may attract the best teachers possible.

We are looking ahead toward a bright future and will do all we can “to prepare our students to compete on the world stage”. We hope you continue to be partners in the adventures that lie ahead, and on behalf of the entire district, “Thank you” for allowing us to educate the future citizens of Custer County!

Sincerely,

Mark A. Payler, Superintendent
## Highlights and Awards

### Choir
- All State Choir – Michael Batson

### Band
- CSU Pueblo Honor Band – Kayla Carter
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### Basketball
#### Girls
- West Central League All Conference MVP – Serenity Ham
- West Central League All Conference 1st Team - Elizabeth Mullett, Latisha Schlabach, McKensie Penkoff

#### Boys
- West Central League All Conference Honorable Mention - David Kinsey

### Cross Country
- State Champion, Regional Champion – JT Taylor
- Southern Peaks runner of the year (boys) – JT Taylor
- Southern Peaks runner of the year (girls) – Kayla Carter
- Southern Peaks Coach of the Year – Jesse Taylor

### Track and Field
- State Track and Field Championships - 3rd Place 3200m – JT Taylor
- 3rd Place 800m – Jack Bowker
- 4th Place 100m Hurdles – Serenity Ham
- 7th Place High Jump – Katie Florom
- State Qualifier – Luke Cannon

### Graduation Requirements

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### Football
- Andy Feldmann - Ranked 4th in state in tackles
- David Kinsey - Ranked 22nd in state in tackles
- Ray Perez - Ranked 27th in state in tackles

### Volleyball
- CHSAA Max Preps All State Honorable Mention - Serenity Ham
- All time Custer County Digs Leader - Latisha Schlabach

### FFA
- District Creed Speaking winner – Makynna Reiff
- State level Creed Speaking – Makynna Reiff

### 2017 Major Scholarship Winners
- Daniels Scholarship – JT Taylor

### Rotary Foreign Exchange Students 2017-18
- Violet Funk - Germany
- Kayla Carter - Denmark

### Scholarships Awarded totaled $300,000
- Daniels Scholarship – JT Taylor (part-time student)
- Hurliman Scholarship – Hannah Moulton
- Rotary Scholarship Winners – Kirsten Benoit, Kaylee Chase, Serenity Ham, Hannah Moulton, JT Taylor, Athena Wisecup
- Thomas Carr Memorial Award – Andy Feldmann
- Custer County Faculty Staff Scholarship – Kirsten Benoit, Serenity Ham, Hannah Moulton, and Athena Wisecup

### Class of 2016 - 20 Graduates
- 12 going for post-secondary education (11 college, 1 trade school)
- 3 enlisted in armed forces (2 Marines, 1 Air Force)
- 1 doing paid work internship
- 75 Percent are planning on continuing their education or enlisted in armed forces
Administration Information

Get Connected!    www.custercountyschools.org
School Numbers
Main office 719-783-2291
Superintendent’s Office 719-783-2357

Access your student’s grades online
Sign up with Troy Bomgardner, School Counselor
troy.bomgardner@ccbobcats.net or 783-4927

Administration Staff
Superintendent – Mark Payler
Principal K-12 – Jack Christensen
Assistant Principal – Krissi Camper
TOSA – Joy Parrish
Athletic Director – Joy Parrish

School Board Members
Term 2nd Tuesday each month
4:30pm in the Library

Terre Davis
Monty Lee
Bob Jolley
Jake Shy
Brian Clince

District Accountability Committee
By law, the local Board of Education must appoint a committee to advise the Board relative to the Accountability Program as mandated by the state. In addition, the Accountability Committee is required to compile and review the school goals and objectives, and make recommendations to the Board of Education. Each year the Accountability Committee reviews all budget requests and prioritizes and recommends to the Superintendent allocations for the following school year. Meetings are open to the public, and are held on the first Monday of each month in the school library at 4:30pm. Contact the Accountability Committee Chairperson, currently Shelly Penkoff, at wmvrcsi@gmail.com if you have further questions or concerns.

Excellence in Education
www.exinedcommittee.org

Since 2008 the Excellence in Education Committee has raised funds to support and enrich curriculum areas identified as priorities by the school administration. The Committee is a partnership between the Wet Mountain Valley Community Foundation and the Custer County School District. The volunteer members of Excellence in Education raise funds through grant applications, the annual Community Spirit Campaign and a yearly fundraising Spring Dinner. Active initiatives include enrichment of the math and social studies programs, on-line courses to keep students on track to graduation (the GOT-IT program,) support for professional development, classroom supplies and a successful community volunteer program called VOICE4C1.

Strategic Plan (2016-17 SY)
Goal #1  Increase student achievement.
Goal #2  Recruit, retain, develop, and competitively compensate high quality employees.
Goal #3  Increase family and community involvement.
Goal #4  Develop student technology skills to compete in a global society.
Goal #5  Maintain and upgrade the physical plant.
Goal #6  Provide a physically, emotionally, and socially safe school for all students.