Board Report

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Douglas County West High School

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This is a very busy and exciting time here at DC West High School. The new school year always brings with it a renewed excitement for students, staff, and parents. However, this year holds even more excitement as we finish a major remodel to our high school science area and adjacent classrooms as well as the STEM and drafting classrooms. It has been amazing to watch the transformation of these areas over the summer. The amount of facility work done in our district over the last few years is staggering. However, all of these facility updates and additions were badly needed and it is exciting to see the direction we are going! I would like to thank Scott Perrigo and his crew for their efforts in supporting the construction crews as well as taking on several remodeling projects themselves.

We will have two new teachers at the high school this fall. McKayla Henery will teach science and coach high school track and middle school volleyball. She comes to DC West after teaching three years at Schuyler Community Schools. Crystal Ramirez will teach middle and high school Spanish and will co-sponsor the Foreign Language Club. She comes to us after spending three years teaching Spanish at Elkhorn Community Schools and one year teaching English to Spanish-speaking students in Madrid, Spain. We will also welcome SRO (School Resource Officer) Deputy Corbin Brown to the district this fall. Please stop by and meet them at our upcoming open house on Tuesday, August 21 from 6:30-8:00.

On August 21, we will have an i-Pad deployment student/parent meeting during open house. Eighth graders, incoming freshmen and newcomers to the district are required to attend the i-Pad meeting at 5:30 in the South Gym. Returning DCWHS students are required to watch a short i-Pad informational video on the school website before they can receive their i-Pad. We plan to get all i-Pads out to students before the first day of class on August 22.

New student registration will take place the week of August 13. I plan to include high school student numbers in my next board report. GO FALCONS!