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Dear Stakeholders,

We are well over halfway through the first quarter of the new school year. It's crazy how fast time flies. There are lots of great things happening in our schools. We want to welcome all of our new employees this year. We have several new employees in both the teachers ranks as well as support staff. These include:

Andria Pett – Loa 1st grade
Del Funk – Loa 1st grade
Sharon Burningham – Loa reading specialist
Jaden Ellett – High School Math
Melissa Robins – District Speech Language Technician
Larry Bray – High School Math Aide
Mary Bray – High School Math Aide
Hannah Burdett – Middle School Aide
Amanda Covington – Loa Aide
Alexa McConnell – Middle School Aide
Brynzee Morrill – High School Aide
Julie Oldroyd – Loa Lunch Staff
Aundrea Swaner – Loa Lunch Staff
Cory Anderson – District Business Administrator
Jared Hallows – District Technology Director
Tammy Pace – District Food Services Director/Office Support

We are excited to have these new employees as part of our education team.

A recent news release from the Utah State Board of Education reported on school districts' efforts to have students reading at grade level by the end of third grade as measured by the Acadience Reading Assessment, formerly known as DIBELS. The state legislature set a goal to have 70% of third graders at grade level by June of 2027. The state average is 48% of third graders reading on grade level. I'm happy to report that WCSD is well above the state average with 62.5% of our third graders reading on grade level. Additionally, out of 41 school districts, only two had a higher percentage of students at grade level than Wayne. Please give a shoutout to all the hardworking teachers and staff that work so hard to help our students succeed. That said, we still have some work to do and will strive to exceed the state goal of 70% and continue to stand out among districts across the state. For more detailed information and to see the rankings, please refer to the news release posted on our district website. www.waynesd.org.

In other news, we are excited to see the progress on our new high school. Although progress has seemed slow, we are on schedule to begin school in the new classrooms by Fall of 2024, with the new gymnasium, locker rooms, and weight room scheduled to be completed by Fall of 2025. As in any project of this size there have been some minor delays but crews have worked hard to overcome them to get back on schedule. Thanks to Hogan Construction, VCBO Architects and all of the sub contractors for

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working so hard to reach our expected timelines.

Finally, the legislature set aside another \$50 million during the last legislative session specifically for small, rural school districts' facilities funding. Applications for these funds are due in November. We have applied again for funding in hopes of building a new elementary school and renovating a portion of the current middle school to serve as a district office and district training space. We hope to hear sometime in December whether or not we will receive these funds. Through careful budgeting efforts made over the past few years, we are able to meet the matching requirements for these funds without any additional ask from the community in the form of tax increases. I will keep you updated as we get information from the state regarding this funding opportunity.

Respectfully,

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