SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1
EMPOWERING LEARNERS, ENRICHING LIVES

Date: November 12, 2026
To: SCSD#1 Board of Trustees
From: Jeff Jones, Superintendent
Re: Superintendent's Board Report (November, 2026)

I hope this report finds you doing well! The following information is a brief summary of some of the happenings this past month and a spotlight on some things in the near future.

General Information

- **Veterans Day Assemblies -** On Wednesday, we gathered for Veterans Day assemblies at Big Horn High School and Tongue River Middle School. It's always the most meaningful day of the school year for me. I'm grateful that on both sides of our district, our students, staff, families, and neighbors could take time out of the school day to thank the men and women who have served our country.

  I hope our students carry that gratitude with them long after the assemblies. The freedoms we enjoy today have been preserved by people who made real sacrifices, and that responsibility continues with those who serve today and those who will serve in the years ahead. To our veterans, to those serving now, and to the families who share in those sacrifices, thank you. It was an honor to spend part of our day recognizing what you've given to our country.

  Also, I am proud to announce that Tongue River Middle School was honored yesterday as one of Wyoming's Patriot Schools. This is a new Wyoming Department of Education initiative, developed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Megan Deganfelder. This award is explained through the following quote from Superintendent Deganfelder, *""We live in the greatest country on earth, and by instilling a deep appreciation for our nation's history, constitutional principles, and civic duties, these schools are preparing our students to be responsible, informed, patriotic leaders in the future. Thank you to the administrators, teachers, parents, and students whose dedication and collaboration continue to inspire the next generation of American citizens. The very future of our nation depends on it."*

  Mr. Russ Wilde is the principal of TRMS and his words really capture it best, "*We believe that understanding our nation's history is fundamental to preparing students for the future. We are committed to helping students recognize the people, principles, and defining events that have shaped our country—from the vision of our Founding Fathers and the sacrifices of our veterans to the historical events that continue to influence our society today. Through this commitment, we strive to cultivate informed, engaged, and responsible citizens who understand the significance of our nation's history, appreciate the freedoms and opportunities they have inherited, and recognize that the future of our country rests, in part, in their hands.*"

  Spotlighted below are pictures from the ceremonies yesterday, including a photo of Superintendent Degenfelder presenting the Wyoming Patriot School Award to TRMS. I am thankful we live in a place that doesn't overlook a special day like Veterans Day. It is our commitment at SCSD#1 to make sure it stays that way!






THANK YOU







- **A Well Deserved Award -** Another special celebration occurred on Nov. 11 at Big Horn Elementary in the form of a surprise assembly! The Director of Child Nutrition Programs at the Wyoming Department of Education, Carla Bankes, was present to award BHE's Carol Rolfe the 2026 Wyoming Apron of Honor. This award is presented to "the one who wears every responsibility with pride and powers through every challenge with grace." Carol does an amazing job as the head cook at BHE and she truly is deserving of this award. When the students were exiting the gym, they swarmed Carla with hugs of thanks and congratulations! She is a perfect example of the power of positive influence! Thank you Carol for the kindness and joy you share with our students and staff every single day! It is making a positive difference!





- **2027 - 2028 School Calendar Feedback -** The administrative team and the school board have developed three possible student calendars for next school year. **I will send those three options out to all staff and families in the next day or two and ask that you give us your vote on your favorite option of the three. I will give everyone about a week to submit their vote and then will message everyone and let you know how the votes ended for both staff and families, just like I did last year.** Then, I will take that feedback to the Board of Trustees for discussion at the School Board meeting on Tuesday, December 1 at the Central Office in Ranchester. I anticipate action would be taken by the Board at the December 15 regularly scheduled meeting at the Central Office in Ranchester.

- **State Assessment Results -** WY-TOPP results were recently released by the Wyoming Department of Education. If you are keeping track, our students took the WY-TOPP about six months ago. That kind of delay is just one of the reasons why we place more emphasis on the student learning outcomes right in front of our teachers every day in the classroom. When we get teaching and learning right each day in the classroom, WY-TOPP results will take care of itself. Our students continue to do very well and that is the result of a lot of things coming together. Obviously, it starts with the classroom teacher. The research on student achievement consistently points to the classroom teacher as the single most influential factor. We have **amazing** teachers in SCSD#1! We also have "cream of the crop" leadership and support staff in our schools that compliment everything we do each day. Without their involvement, we would not have the same success. Finally, the school-family partnership we work so hard to cultivate is a significant influence on the success of our schools. I truly am thankful for all of you working together on behalf of our students. While we don't have to be sick to get better, we are blessed to have all of these positive influences within our district.

Math (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Big Horn Elementary	State Average
3rd Grade	93%	61%
4th Grade	97%	63%
5th Grade	91%	61%

English Language Arts (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Big Horn Elementary	State Average
3rd Grade	89%	56%
4th Grade	82%	53%
5th Grade	88%	61%

Math (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Tongue River Elementary	State Average
3rd Grade	87%	61%
4th Grade	71%	63%
5th Grade	81%	61%

English Language Arts (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Tongue River Elementary	State Average
3rd Grade	77%	56%
4th Grade	66%	53%
5th Grade	70%	61%

Math (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Big Horn Middle	State Average
6th Grade	78%	57%
7th Grade	82%	53%
8th Grade	80%	54%

English Language Arts (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Big Horn Middle	State Average
6th Grade	77%	61%
7th Grade	82%	57%
8th Grade	86%	61%

Science (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Big Horn Middle	State Average
8th Grade	53%	48%

Math (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Tongue River Middle	State Average
6th Grade	83%	57%
7th Grade	78%	53%
8th Grade	91%	54%

English Language Arts (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Tongue River Middle	State Average
6th Grade	69%	61%
7th Grade	71%	57%
8th Grade	73%	61%

Science (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Tongue River Middle	State Average
8th Grade	76%	48%

Math (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Big Horn High	State Average
9th Grade	81%	46%
10th Grade	79%	45%

English Language Arts (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Big Horn High	State Average
9th Grade	85%	56%
10th Grade	90%	55%

Science (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Big Horn High	State Average
10th Grade	85%	53%

Math (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Tongue River High	State Average
9th Grade	58%	46%
10th Grade	66%	45%

English Language Arts (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Tongue River High	State Average
9th Grade	59%	56%
10th Grade	72%	55%

Science (% Proficient and Advanced)

	Tongue River High	State Average
10th Grade	67%	53%

Looking Ahead

- **Upcoming Calendar Events**
  - ☐ Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 25 - 29. Normal release time on Tues., Nov. 24.
  - ☐ Christmas Break, Dec. 18 - Jan. 4. Early release at 1:30 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 17. On Monday, Jan. 3, certified staff return for a work day. Students start back on Tues., Jan. 5.
  - ☐ Spring Break, Mar. 12 - 21, 2027. Normal release time on Thursday, Mar. 11.
  - ☐ High School Graduations on **Sat., May 29: CSVA @ TRHS at 11 a.m. / TRHS at 1 p.m. / BHHS at 4 p.m.**
  - ☐ Last Day of School for Students is Thurs., June 4 with an early release at 1:30 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support!

Jeff Jones, Ed.D.

Superintendent



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