



Building on the Past. Investing in the Future.

Pirate Family,

There is a lot happening across Gore Public Schools right now, and everywhere you look, there are signs of progress. Construction on our new elementary school continues to move forward. New lighting is being added at and around the Event Center parking lot to improve safety. A new roof is being installed over the oldest portions of our high school and middle school. New signage is going up across our campuses to make our schools easier to navigate while adding to our Pirate pride. Very soon, work will begin on turf infields for both our baseball and softball programs. A new display honoring the history represented in our panel pictures is nearing completion in the high school/middle school office area. Old lockers have been removed, hallways are receiving fresh paint, new safety film and graphics are being installed at the front of the school, improvements are being made to our elementary playground and asphalt areas, and extensive tree clearing has taken place around our baseball complex.

And there is more to come. These projects are exciting, but the projects themselves are not the story. The story is what they represent. They represent a community choosing to invest in its children and in the future of Gore Public Schools. None of what is happening today belongs to one person, one superintendent, one Board of Education, one group of employees, or one moment in time. Gore Public Schools existed long before many of us arrived, and it will continue long after our time here is finished. That is exactly how it should be.

Generations of educators, administrators, board members, parents, community members, students, alumni, and supporters have helped shape this district into what it is today. Each generation has inherited something from the people who came before them, added something of their own, and then passed it along to the next. Our responsibility is simply to do the same—and hopefully leave it a little better than we found it. That is the plan we want everyone to be able to believe in, regardless of their past, current, or future involvement with Gore Public Schools.

Names will change. Superintendents will change. Board members will change. Teachers, coaches, administrators, students, and community leaders will change. But the impact of a great school district can extend across generations. That is bigger than any one of us. Our Board of Education is committed to developing 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year plans that look beyond individual names and individual terms of service. We want to establish a direction for Gore Public Schools that future leaders can build upon, adjust when necessary, and continue moving forward.

The goal isn't to reach a point where we say, "We're finished." The goal is constant improvement. Better facilities. Better opportunities. Safer campuses. Stronger academics. Greater pride. Responsible planning. And, most importantly, better opportunities for the generations of Pirates who will walk these halls long after we are gone.

None of this happens without people. Our Board of Education, employees, parents, community members, local partners, alumni, students, and countless others have contributed in ways both large and small. No amount of help has been insignificant. Every person who has given time, provided an idea, supported a project, volunteered, encouraged a student, taught a class, coached a team, served on a board, worked behind the scenes, or simply believed in this school has helped move Gore forward.

We are grateful for those who built the foundation before us. We are excited about the people building upon it today. And we are committed to the Pirates who will inherit it tomorrow. We aren't trying to erase Gore's past or put one group's name on its future. We simply want to add our chapter to a story that has been written by generations of Pirates—and make sure the next generation inherits something they are proud to continue. There will always be another project. Another challenge. Another opportunity to improve. And that's a good thing. Because great school districts are never really finished. They honor where they've been, take care of where they are, and keep building toward where they're going.

That is the Gore Public Schools we believe in. That is the Gore Public Schools we are working toward. And that is a future every Pirate—past, present, and future—can be proud to call their own.

Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate.