



Eye of the Tiger

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The finish line is in sight

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First, I would like to thank all the members of our community that attended the Delano Intermediate School open house. We had approximately 180 people attend the event, which included a flag-raising ceremony and a ribbon cutting by our students. In addition, people were given the opportunity to walk around the entire school on self-guided tours.

High school construction

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on projects that have come to completion at the high school. Work on the diving well and family locker rooms was finished last month, much to the enthusiasm of our swimming and diving community. Our Performing Arts Center is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

I would like to formally invite all community members to our open house ceremony for the high school on Friday, Nov. 9, commencing with a flag-raising ceremony at 6 p.m. A brief ceremony will follow, along with self-guided tours



Members of the Delano Legion conducted a flag-raising ceremony prior to a public open house and ribbon cutting at Delano Intermediate School on Sept. 25.

and the Faculty Follies performance in the PAC at 7 p.m.

In addition, the new locker rooms located on the north end of the Tiger Activity Center will be completed in December. This will mark the completion of our three-year district construction project. Of course there will still be a multitude of checklists to review, and several mechanical systems will be commissioned throughout the district over the next 12 months.

Safety grant received

I am pleased to announce that Delano High School received a state grant worth \$385,000 for security upgrades. This past session the Legislature passed and the governor approved \$25 million in grant monies for the state. Delano Public Schools appreciates the opportunity to use these grant dollars for enhanced security systems and facility upgrades. The district will continue to make adjustments and upgrades to our security systems in all of our school buildings as well.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that our partnership with the Wright County Sheriff's Office has come to fruition regarding the relocation of our town deputies to the high school. It is my understanding this is the first ever partnership with a law enforcement agency

of its kind. We are excited to have these types of partnerships that result in a safer learning environment for our students, staff and community members.

Strategic plan

The four work plans that make up our strategic roadmap are in the process of review and implementation for the fifth year of our strategic planning journey.

We will begin mapping out the next five years during this school year as well. We will facilitate the process of receiving feedback from our community members, students and staff via survey later on this fall. This information, along with multiple meetings at the committee level and staff level, will drive the direction of educational excellence for the next five years.

