CEDAR HIGH SCHOOL

"Dedicated to cultivating responsible citizens through lifelong learning and community involvement."

Dear Parents,

It is well known that we are the lowest funded state for education in the nation. However, it is not often recognized that we consistently out perform states with significantly higher spending. Even more impressive is the fact that Iron County has traditionally out performed the state in the majority of benchmark indicators. I am confident that we would not be able to achieve these results without the help of an involved and supportive community.

We are very lucky to have multiple programs designed to facilitate parents in giving students a better experience while attending Cedar High School. I do not know what I would do without the booster club and newly formed PFCC. These two organizations have made sure our programs receive the human resources and financial support that would normally be lacking for our children.

Another organization that has been empowered with a significant financial endowment is our Community Council. This council receives its funding from our State Land Trust, which was created to support the educational needs of Utah. Each year the Community Council is charged with reviewing data and recognizing gaps that can be filled with Land Trust money. I would like to make you aware of how we have spent this money for the 2015-16 school year, and invite you to contact our council if you have input for future allocations.

The council was allocated \$94,630 for this past school year. The following is a breakdown of resources this money was used to support.

Learning Center - Funding was allocated to hire math tutors and to pay for a director to manage the program.

ACT Prep Courses – Courses were offered three times a year for students to prepare for the ACT.

Chromebook Labs - We now have thirteen computer labs teachers can access to enhance student learning.

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Calculators – These were purchased in order to provide every student with access to a calculator at the school.

Learning Strategies – Two aides were hired to provide the struggling students with support for making up classes, monitoring attendance, and supporting current coursework.

SMART Boards – Two SMART boards were provided for teacher use in the classroom.

Reading Program – A teacher was commissioned to sell her prep in order to identify students struggling in reading and provide them with additional reading strategies for learning in high school.

Testing Coordinator - Testing coordinator hired to organize all benchmark tests required for school accountability.

A detailed breakdown of this budget, along with learning outcomes, can be found on our website under the School Land Trust link on the bottom of the page. If you are unable to access our website, feel free to visit our school for a copy of this action plan.

Thank you again for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,

John Dodds, Principal Cedar High School

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