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Dear Pioneer Nation,

 **8-15-23 District Kickoff - Welcome Back!** August 15th, 7:15 a.m. UACCB Independence Hall. Because of the limited parking available, we will run buses from each school so staff can ride together to UACCB. Buses will arrive at each school at 7 a.m and leave at 7:15 a.m. for Independence Hall. We will serve breakfast from 7:15 - 8 a.m. We'll then have a program from 8-9:35 a.m. in the adjoining auditorium. We need those who eat first to migrate over to the auditorium because the breakfast seating is not quite adequate for all to be in there at once. Our special speaker, [Judge Tommy Webb](#), will give a trauma informed care message and how "You Can Make a Difference".

We would like for each school or department/building to sit together in the same areas so we can have some pep assembly style fun and spirit. *Our breakfast is sponsored by First Community Bank. Thank you Dale Cole and friends!*

 **CHAT GPT - *Student achievement accountability with Common Formative Assessment (CFA) data of pre and post testing is job #1 for administrators and staff.*** This year, the LEARNS Act calls for student achievement accountability. We can use our CFA's to chart our own local growth this school year and after this year, we'll use CFA data to analyze and prescribe our work in real time because we'll be compared to the state goals and growth. The accountability piece is built into **ALL** of our PGP's and we'll all have smart goals that clearly lay out our student achievement accountability.


- The use of AI to make your jobs easier is what I'm excited for our teachers and administrators as we create and use our CFA's for student growth. With the correct prompts in CHAT GPT, you can summarize standards, create aligned rubrics, create align assessments with the answer keys, change the lexile or reading levels for any of the documents needed and grade the CFA's in minutes... if not seconds!
- This is the work that used to take teachers months to accomplish! Plus, we wore ourselves out from all the laborious tasks, while trying to teach and manage our classes. Now, teachers can let CHAT GPT and other AI tools do the heavy lifting, while teachers still monitor or control the use of your professional content and judgment to analyze and prescribe for individualized learning.
- I'm really excited for our PLC process to have these tools available. You'll get more training and experience this year as we all grow together, not to mention a lot of our students and parents are already experimenting with AI. We have to stay ahead of the curve with these revolutionary tools. It's our job to create the parameters, ethics, policy and procedures to function in an AI web culture. We are truly Pioneers in this effort as we begin the year.

 **Drone Flyover Teaser** - Check out what the construction on "The Hill" will look like when finished in 18 months. A new cafeteria/kitchen, theater, fine arts rooms and classrooms are all included and will be located at the East end of the football field.


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 **23-24 & 24-25 District Calendars** - For your planning convenience, We've linked the two year calendars for BSD.

- > [2023-2024](#) and [2024-2025](#) School Calendars
- > [2023-2024](#) and [2024-2025](#) BOE Meeting Dates
- > [2023-2024](#) and [2024-2025](#) Preschool Calendar

 **23-24 Student Handbooks** - Policies and procedures are well planned for the 23-24 school year. These handbooks are to inform parents and students so the year is as smooth as possible and you have the information you need about your learning center.

- > [Infant and Toddler](#)
- > [Preschool](#)
- > [Elementary](#)
- > [BJHSC](#)
- > [BHSC](#)

 **[School Safety Report](#)** - Door security is the Board's top priority as well as strategic fencing. Check out all the security issues that we're working on to make sure we put our "Students First".

You've Been Souped UP

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