



TO THE BLUEJAY NATION

Dear Ashland Bluejays,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write our alumni to provide an update on the latest happenings with your Ashland-Englewood Public Schools.

First, as we start the 2017-2018 school year, we are excited to announce our highest K-12 enrollment since 2011-2012. This year we enrolled 15 new students into our schools.

Additionally, we just finished a facility study outlining over \$2 million in much needed upgrades to our infrastructure and mechanical operating systems within the district. The district has outlined three phases of facility improvements, with Phase 1 costing \$2,042,862.

In order to begin Phase 1, USD #220 has secured \$1,728,724 in funds through a federal loan program at 0%. These funds will allow us to move forward with the proposed facility improvements. However, the projected upgrades will cost an additional \$314,000, in which the district must secure in order to finance all of the Phase 1 projects.

Therefore, USD #220 is embarking on a capital improvement campaign in order to repair, replace, and upgrade the facilities. Our immediate goal is \$350,000 to be used for Phase 1 completion, as well as finance the study for Phase 2.

We are reaching out to all Ashland Alumni who have generously supported our schools in the past. With the common bond and pride as Bluejays, and through your generous support, we will continue to thrive as a rural school.

It is our hope that you will consider supporting our capital campaign through a tax deductible donation. See enclosed capital campaign flyer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Jamie Wetig, Ed.S.
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