



Butte Falls School District #91

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

Congratulations to our students and staff for completing another successful year of teaching and learning! As I watched our seniors graduate earlier this month I thought about the tremendous investment so many people had made in the lives of these young adults and the things we learn as we work to help parents raise and educate their children to adulthood.

We are already looking forward to the coming school year which will bring additional resources and support for the success of our students and want to share some responses to questions you may have about the coming 2018-19 school year.

Q1: We have enjoyed having smaller class sizes for our student at Butte Falls Charter School. Will class sizes grow this next year?

A: This past year we added a teacher at the elementary campus in anticipation of enrollment growth; this next year we will add two more teachers. This will help us keep our class sizes much smaller than state averages and provide a teacher for each grade level. This also allows us to add back our music program for all of our elementary students. We will also shift our 7th grade classroom back to the elementary campus. Our secondary campus will serve grades 8-12. Our goal is to cap our overall enrollment at about 275 to 300 students which would make our class size average about 23, (considerably below the state average).

Q2: Are there any other new teachers for next year?

A: We have hired the following teachers for 2018-19.

Elementary Campus: Trina Meyer, 4th Grade. We are still interviewing for the new 7th grade position

Secondary Campus: Natalie Wilson, Science (replacing Steve Kem); Cy Carrigan, Social Studies; and Jenie Skoy, English/Language Arts (replacing Mary Casey). We are still interviewing for our Health/PE position (replacing Joel Nye).

We plan to update the staffing lists on July 1 on our District website to include our new staff members.

Q3: Are there any other staffing changes?

A: We have openings for Educational Assistants. We are always recruiting for substitutes for our support positions. These include Educational Assistants, Campus Monitors, Custodians, Special Education Assistants, and Bus Drivers. If you are interested in any of these, contact us.

Q4: You shared a lot with parents this year about safety. Are you making any additional safety improvements?

A: This summer and fall we will be upgrading fencing and security for our campuses. We are using some of our reserves to fund these upgrades. The City of Butte Falls is hiring a police officer and we are helping fund that position. The officer will be in and around our schools during the school day to build student awareness about public safety. Our secondary campus seismic retrofit will be completed mid-summer.