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BOARDCAST E-NEWSLETTER

Dear John Doe,

A Word from the Board President Estela Gutierrez



My fellow Trustees and I have had the pleasure of attending many commencement ceremonies over the past couple of weeks. This is a time we all relish. There is nothing as important as seeing our students walk across the stage to receive their diploma. After all, this is why we are all here - to see all of our children achieve academic success, develop personal and civic responsibility, and achieve career and/or college readiness for the 21st century. I would personally like to thank the principals and staff who coordinated the commencement ceremonies.

Congratulation to the Class of 2010!

Estela Gutierrez
President

In the News

Newsweek Magazine just published its list of 'America's Best High Schools' and twelve WCS D made the cut. Topping the list at #174 is Wooster High School, the only school in the state to crack the top 200. Other WCS D schools on the list and their rankings are Galena at 638, McQueen at 702, Reno at 710, Incline at 767, Sparks at 842, Reed at 1236, Damonte at 1375,

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Hug at 1444, Spanish Springs at 1479, Coral Academy of Science Charter at 1550 and North Valleys at 1584. According to the magazine's website, just over 1,600 schools - only 6% of the 27,000 public high schools in the nation - earned the distinction. Newsweek says the list represents how hard the school staff work to challenge students to take their most demanding courses, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes.

The Board of Trustees heard earlier this week that three administrators have been recognized for excellence in education at the elementary, middle and high school level. In collaboration with the Washoe School Principals' Association, Bob Deery, Mathews Elementary School; Ken Cervantes, Billinghurst Middle School and Andy Kelly, Hug High School were recognized as great leaders. This is an excellent example of the quality of administrators we have in our district - the recognition is well deserved. Bob, Ken and Andy have a positive impact on all students, and set a great example for our future 'Principal of the Year' winners for years to come.

Strategic Plan Update

After months of thoughtful discussions by principals, teachers, parents, support staff and input from the community, earlier this week, the Trustees had the opportunity to hear an update on the development and draft content of the strategic plan. The new strategic plan will be aligned to the district's Vision of graduating all students college and/or highly skilled career ready and will have specific performance targets working towards that. The 5-year plan was well recieved by the Trustees. The next stage is for the targets to be finalized and ready for review at the August 10 Board meeting.
