

Promises Made, Promises Delivered

Communications/Public Relations

Promises Made...

- Improve internal communications
- Improve external communications
- Develop web page for the district
- Translate communiqués to Spanish
- Develop regular press releases
- Create a District information packet

Promises Delivered...

- Staff newsletter became electronic
- Staff intranet website
- Voice over IP phone system
- Cell phones to critical incident team
- Through the eyes of a child
- Dangerous conversations
- CORE Team (semi-monthly meetings)
- Superintendent & Assistant Superintendent PTA/PTO chairs monthly meetings
- Board meetings, public comments, presentations
- Improved times for Parent Conferences
- 360° Administrator Evaluations
- Skyward Family Access -ongoing connection to parents
- Community meetings on important issues
 - Open/Closed campus
 - Drug Issues
 - International Baccalaureate/ Performing Arts
 - Day Care Providers
- Board appointed task forces
 - Drug policy
 - Open/Closed campus
 - Calendar (every 3 years)
- School site committees
 - BLT (Building Leadership Team)
 - Academic Advisory Committee
- Public Relations position
- Partners in Education newspaper-3 times a year
- Website -www.blaineschools.org

Technology

Promises Made...

- Continue to upgrade and monitor system
- Develop specific computer labs
- Pursue high quality tech in-service
- Tap new sources and research new ideas

Promises Delivered...

- Went from 500 wired computers to 2000 (1.6 students per computer)
- Added 6 positions in 7 years to tech department
- Provided both learning labs and research labs to all schools
- Purchased computer accessories for classrooms as needed
- Researched and implemented wireless computer labs to conserve space
- Applied for and received over 1 million in tech grants from private foundations
- Created and implemented on-line data warehouse for student test results
- Created and implemented on-line student intervention tracking
- Created and implemented on-line Milepost Plans
- Created and implemented on-line learning plans for ESL students
- Promises Delivered -Technology
- Doubled district internet bandwidth speeds
- Doubled school bandwidth speeds to the district office
- Implemented GroupWise e-mail and scheduling software
- Implemented Skyward student management system
- Implemented Skyward parent access
- Implemented on-line high school course requests
- Implemented Skyward financial management system
- Created and implemented secure on-line application review system to streamline hiring process
- Implemented Destiny library system to increase sharing of resources between buildings
- Implemented new Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Math programs to increase their utility and manageability
- Implemented PLATO learning systems software
- Implemented 'paperless' School Board sessions to improve communication

Curriculum & Instruction

Promises Made..

- Maintain high expectations for teachers and students
- Improve thoroughness and relevance of curriculum
- Continue to align curriculums with standards
- Explore more AP & Dual Credit offerings
- Re-align elementary, middle school, and high school curriculum
- Implement levels testing

Promises Delivered...

- ISAT and state and national standard alignment
- K-12 alignment continues
- 5 Year curriculum cycle
- Levels testing (NWEA) -later ISATs
- End of course assessments with math, science, & language arts
- District-wide, cross content performance writing assessment
- State Math and Writing Assessments
- Classroom Practices brochure
- AP Classes in many subject areas
- Dual Credit classes where applicable
- PLATO funded by state programs
- Accelerated Reader and Math
- Data driven decision making
- Milepost Program
- Policy driven curriculum enhancements
 - Character Education, CA and TRIBES
 - High school without walls
 - Grading practices
 - Increased Graduation requirements
 - Online course offerings
- Keyboarding/Computer applications classes
- World languages beginning with survey course in Middle School
- Senior projects
- IDLA sponsored by BCSD
- Summer school, Kinder camp, preschool
- After school study clubs at all schools
- KidShop -childcare, partnering with YMCA
- Math advancement system(Grades 3 -High School)
- Student leadership classes at the middle school & high school, and soon to be elementary
- Increased club & activity offerings
- 9thGrade Transition Plan
- Preschool -2007
- Assessment & Accountability
 - Director hired
 - Milepost program
 - Parent, student, teacher accountability agreement
 - Coordination of all assessments

Arts

Promises Made..

- Expand arts program
- Connect with local arts groups
- Align Art Curriculum K-12
- Add orchestra to offerings
- Expand choir program
- Plan a Performing Arts Center

Promises Delivered...

- Full time art teachers
- Choir teacher added
- Orchestra in grades 3-12
- Full partnerships with SV Center for the Arts
- Full partnership with Footlight Dance
- Young at Art w/Education Foundation
- Schematic of Performing Arts Center developed with new WRHS

Professional Technical Education

Promises Made..

- Research and implement academies
- Involve the private sector
- Dual credit college courses
- Collaborate with other School Districts

Promises Delivered...

- We now have eight academies
 - Jim Woodyard Residential Construction
 - Information Technology
 - Culinary Arts
 - Performing Arts
 - Teaching
- Architectural and Mechanical Design
- Medical Technology
- Business & Finance
- Internships and Industry advisory committees
- Community members as mentors
- ARTEC
- School to work

Multiculturalism/ESL

Promises Made..

- Translate all parent documents
- Conduct adult learning classes
- Develop Newcomer Center
- Increase staff to student ratios
- Seek input from ESL students, parents and patrons
- Add cultural activities to curriculum
- Celebrate holidays of other countries
- Explore Dual Immersion programs

Promises Delivered...

- Newcomer Center
- Cultural celebration -DiadelIndependencia,Diadelos ninos
- Bilingual parent publications
- ESL, ELL, and bilingual classes
- Bilingual parent and public meetings (translator and head sets)
- Dual Immersion Grant in 2000
- K-5 Dual immersion in 2006-2007
- Middle school dual immersion in 2007
- Home/school liaison -Penny Thayer
- Director of Second Language Services -Matt Murray

Activities

Promises Made..

- Expand grounds and athletic facilities
- Create opportunities to increase student participation
- Extend appropriate programs to 6th grade level
- Utilize parent and community resources
- Investigate travel bus possibilities

Promises Delivered...

- Developed 6 acres of new fields
- Created Athletic Advisory Board
 - coordinates both district wide and club sports
- Increased football and soccer programs while using parent and community members as coaches
- Added assistant coaches to most programs
- Activity buses -Greyhound cruisers purchased

Student Services

Promises Made..

- Improve communications with staff, students and patrons
- Staff development to keep guidance counselors current on industry and educational requirements for post secondary advancement
- Meet regularly and improve communication with guidance counselors for all schools

Promises Delivered...

- Increased social worker/counselor ratios
- Social worker & counselor handbooks
- Grades 9-12 student and parent individual meetings
- Juniors taking SAT's, sophomores PSAT's
- 8th grade evening with parents
- Student support team meetings
- Through the eyes of a child

Special Education

Promises Made..

- Provide programs for emotionally impaired students
- Reorganize and simplify Speech/

- Language Pathologist assignments
- Implement consistent Building Support Team process District wide.

- Provide IEP software system

Promises Delivered...

- BASE Programs in place K-12 for emotionally impaired students
- SLP assignments reassigned

- Functioning Building Support Teams in each building
- EXCENT software in place and

updated periodically.

Student Safety

Promises Made..

- Improve Critical Incident Plans for each school
- Improve communication with police

- Provide the ability to lock-down all schools and classrooms
- Resource officers at secondary schools

- Provide social workers at all schools

Promises Delivered...

- Safety drills
- Lock down/building security
- ID Tags, cell phones
- Annual law enforcement meeting
- School safety procedures
- Critical Incident Team

- Added security cameras to secondary schools
 - WRHS 28 cameras
 - Community Campus 8 cameras
 - WRMS 8 cameras
 - Carey 2 cameras

- Added security cameras to all buses
- School Resources Officers
- Allergy/diabetes handbooks
- Community safety drill involvement
- Emergency plans in each building

Personnel

Promises Made..

- Maintain competitive salary package
- Provide ongoing professional development

- Attend job fairs to recruit the best
- Develop information brochure and packet

- Maintain low student/teacher ratios
- List job vacancies on all mediums
- Develop promotional video/CD

Promises Delivered...

- Mentoring new teachers/new teacher instruction
- Competitive salary package
- Professional Development program
- Lowest teacher/student ratios in the state
- Guest teacher services centralized
- All Tech labs staffed
- Aggressive recruitment strategies

- and materials developed
- Staff Development
 - After school/evening sessions throughout the year
 - October and February in-service dates
 - College nights for advanced degrees
 - Undergrad and graduate courses

- through CSI, ISU, BSU
 - Dual Immersion cohort
 - Educational Administration cohort
 - Teacher Education cohort
- Grow Your Own Program
- Rent Subsidy Program
- Workforce Housing

Partnerships

Promises Made..

- Continually solicit private sector involvement
- Include private sector on advisory committees
- Recognize and publicize private/public partnerships
- Host social/professional gatherings
- Invite participation in all staff development in-services
- Increase public participation

Promises Delivered...

- Community Campus
 - Blaine County Recreation District
 - College of Southern Idaho
 - Idaho State University
 - YAK! -BCTAC, and other youth organizations
 - Hailey Rotary Club
 - Lee Pesky Learning Center
- Other partnerships
 - Footlight Dance
 - Sun Valley Center for the Arts Young at Art, artists in schools, teacher and student scholarships
 - YMCA -After-school, childcare, preschool
 - Sun Valley Summer Symphony
- Wood River Arts Alliance
- Company of of Fools
- Juvenile Justice Council
- Community Drug Coalition
- School/County/City Resource Officers
- At Risk Youth Summit
- Workforce Housing Coalition

Facilities

Promises Made..

- Complete the Master Planning Model
- Evaluate each building for max capacity
- Include Academy concepts
- Visit other school districts for ideas
- Continue to explore property acquisition
- Practice intergovernmental collaboration
- Prepare financial strategies
- Propose a complete district building plan
- Be prepared for growth when it happens.

Promises Delivered...

- Completed master building plan and capacity evaluation
- Continue to acquire appropriate properties
- Included Academies in building plans
- Sponsored exploration trips to other districts
- Met with city, county, CSI, and Recreational District Officials
- Developed co-use agreement with CSI, Recreational District, and other on Community Campus
- Beginning to create next phase of master building plan
- Properties Acquired
 - -12.5 Acres -WRHS
 - -1.7 Acres -Bus Facility
 - -1.3 Acres -WRMS
 - -0.5 Acres -WRMS
 - -17 Acres -Carey
 - -28 Acres -Croy
 - •Pending
 - -25 Acres -Bellevue -Harry Rinker
 - -22.5 Acres -Bellevue -John Scherer & Associates
- 40 million dollar levy passed 2000
- Wood River High School opened 2003
- Community Campus opened 2003
- Bus Facility 2004
- Carey High School opened 2004
- Wood River Middle School addition 2004
- Hemingway Childcare and new parking lot 2005
- Woodside Elementary 2006
- Hailey Elementary upgrades - Summer 2007
- Bellevue Elementary upgrades -Summer 2008

