Hello Bulldog Community,

Let's begin with some fun upcoming activities!

April 24 PSO lunch with students

May 1 Board of Trustees meeting 9:30 in-person and on Zoom

May 1 Switchbacks Soccer and USA Blind Soccer team members at CSDB
May 1 Savvy ASL performance 6:00pm, Gymnasium

 May 3 No School

 May 5 Special Olympics SE Regional Track Meet

 May 7 CSDB vs Colorado Springs Police Community Relations Goalball game

 May 9 5K for students and their families and staff

 May 13 CSDB art show at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College 6:00-9:00pm

 May 15 Board of Trustees work session 4:00pm on Zoom

 May 16 Bridges to Life Employer Appreciation Event 9:00am

 May 17 Prom

 May 23 Athletic Awards

 The 150th Celebrations on April 7th and 8th were a huge success and I appreciate everyone on the planning committee, our volunteers, and attendees at the event. The new history museum opened on April 8th for students to visit.

 The team is still working hard on finishing touches, and the museum looks amazing. I was impressed with the accessibility of the museum and when finished it will include exhibit QR codes for ASL and audio description. In addition, for our students who are blind, tactile representations of the exhibits were available as well.

 One of the things I liked most about the 150th celebration was seeing our alumni interact with our students in both the history museum and the alumni panel. Our alumni are such great role models for our students! I am thinking of additional ways in which we can engage CSDB with the community to have more events that bring together staff, students, families, and the community.

Congratulations to our Employees of the Month!

 The Employee of the Month for March in the School for the Blind is Emma Avery. Emma is described as a great team player and always willing to help. She is consistently respectful, productive, engaged, and collaborative.

 The Employee of the Month for March in Preschool is Ali Hamar. Ali is described as positive and a joy to work with. She recognizes people and helps them feel appreciated. She provides a strong foundation of language for our students who are Deaf.

In Legislative news, the Capital Development Committee met this month to finalize the Capital Construction projects for 2024-2025. Previously, based on prioritization, we were expecting the West Hall construction project to get funded. However, the legislature significantly reduced the budget unexpectedly, so few projects were funded.

There is still much support for the West Hall Project including from the Office of State Architecture and the Office of State Personnel and Budgeting. We are working collaboratively with them to develop a strategy to re-apply.

Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming activities!