



July 5, 2025

Dear Pirate Family,

As we head into summer, I want to thank our teachers and all of our staff for the commitment, care, and hard work they've shown throughout the school year. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, in the kitchen, behind the scenes, or on the front lines, every role has contributed to a year of steady progress across our schools. I would also like to thank our students and families for their ongoing support and involvement. From academic growth to extracurricular success, facility upgrades to new program launches—this year's accomplishments reflect the collective effort of our entire school community. I'm proud of what we've achieved together and grateful for the teamwork that continues to move Payette School District forward.

New Career & Technical Education (CTE) Center Opening Soon

One of the most exciting updates to share is the progress of our new Career & Technical Education Center. This project has been years in the making, and we're almost ready to open the doors.

The new CTE Center, located in the former Steve's Hometown dealership, will offer students hands-on training in welding, culinary arts, auto and diesel mechanics, auto body and collision repair, and the construction trades. These programs are not just about learning skills but about shaping futures. They are designed to equip students with real-world skills and certifications that can directly lead to careers or further education after graduation, providing a promising path for their future.

We'll be hosting a **grand opening and ribbon-cutting celebration on August 18th at 6:00pm**. The ribbon cutting will be followed by an open house with food, a classic car show, and some fun games. More details will be available soon, but we hope you'll join us for a tour of the new facility, meet our instructors, and help us celebrate this significant milestone for our students and the community. Your presence and support will mean a lot to us and our students.

Existing Facility Upgrades

We're thrilled to announce some significant improvements at Payette High School this summer:

- **Both the front and back parking lots are being completely repaved**, and the access road behind the school will also receive a fresh new surface.
- **The front driveway is being expanded** to accommodate more visitor parking and improve traffic flow, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times. There will be additional lanes to help buses, parents, and student drivers navigate the area more smoothly.
- A **new drainage system** is being installed to fix the long-standing runoff issues near the gym and auditorium.
- We're also adding **ADA-compliant sidewalks, curbs, and updated lighting** to improve safety and accessibility for everyone.
- **McCain Middle School Ninja Obstacle Course**: A new ninja-style obstacle course is being installed in July. This will give McCain students an exciting way to stay active and will

also serve neighborhood kids attending baseball and softball games nearby—a fun and healthy addition for both school and community use.

- **Payette Primary School Roof Project:** The entire roof at Payette Primary School will be recoated this fall in a bold **Payette Pirates red** color. Not only will this protect the building and extend its life, it will also show off our school spirit for years to come.

These upgrades are long overdue and will make a big difference for our students, staff, and visitors.

Looking Ahead

We're excited about what's ahead. With the launch of our new CTE Center and the improvements to our existing school facilities, we're investing in the kind of future our students deserve.

Thank you again for all your support this past year. We're eagerly looking forward to seeing you at the ribbon-cutting **on August 18th**—and we're even more excited about the promising 2025–2026 school year ahead. With your continued support, we're confident that the future holds even more exciting opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,



Dr. Glen Croft
Superintendent
Payette School District