



October 20, 2025

Dear Pirate Family,

It's hard to believe we're already a quarter of the way through the 2025–2026 school year. The fall season has brought cooler mornings, Friday night lights, and a steady rhythm of learning in every classroom across our district. I want to take a moment to thank our families, staff, and community for helping make this an incredible start to the year.

Successful Start to the School Year

Our first quarter has been filled with growth and significant accomplishments. From the energy of the first day of school to the excitement of homecoming week, our students continue to remind us why Payette is such a special place. Academically, our classrooms are alive with curiosity and creativity. Teachers are challenging students to think deeply, and students are meeting those expectations with enthusiasm and hard work.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Last week, we completed two successful nights of parent-teacher conferences. It was wonderful to see so many families attending, discussing progress, and setting goals for the months ahead. These conversations reflect the strength of our partnership between home and school. When families and teachers work together, our students benefit in every possible way.

Facility and Safety Improvements Continue

This summer's projects—like the new Career & Technical Education Center, upgraded high school parking lots, and the roof recoat at Payette Primary—are already having a positive impact. We're also continuing to make additional minor but important safety and facility improvements. One recent upgrade includes new lighting installed in the Payette Primary School pick-up and drop-off lane, providing greater visibility and safety for our youngest students during morning and afternoon transitions.

We've also launched BusRight, a new transportation tool that enhances communication and safety for our families. Through the BusRight mobile app, parents can access real-time updates on bus arrival times, track route locations, and receive instant notifications about schedule changes or delays. The system also confirms when students board and exit the bus, helping parents stay informed and confident about their child's daily transportation.

At the high school, we've also converted the former welding and agriculture shop into a new weight-and-conditioning area for athletics. This space provides a clean, modern environment for strength training, physical education, and athletic development. Soon, it will be used daily by our student-athletes and PE classes, offering more opportunities for fitness, teamwork, and year-round training.


Each of these improvements represents our ongoing commitment to ensuring that Payette students learn and grow in safe, well-equipped, and inspiring spaces.

Looking Ahead

As we enter the second quarter, we'll continue to focus on academic growth and student engagement while preparing for the busy months ahead. The holidays always bring special events and opportunities to celebrate the hard work of our students and staff. Whether it's a concert, competition, or classroom activity, I hope you'll take the time to join us and share in the success of our schools.

On behalf of the Payette School District, thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are building safe, strong, and thriving schools—where every student feels known, valued, and inspired to achieve their best.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen J. Croft". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Glen" and last name "Croft" clearly legible.

Dr. Glen Croft
Superintendent
Payette School District