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ST. STEPHENS INDIAN SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING

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BIE MISSION

The mission of the BIE is to provide students at BIE-funded schools with a culturally relevant, high-quality education that prepares students with the knowledge, skills, and behaviors needed to flourish in the opportunities of tomorrow, become healthy and successful individuals, and lead their communities and sovereign nations to a thriving future that preserves their unique cultural identities.

ST. STEPHENS SCHOOL MISSION

To Walk with Dignity, Knowledge, and Wisdom



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RETROCESSION BACKGROUND

- The WRITC passed resolution to retrocede St. Stephens immediately
- St Stephens is transitioning from a tribally controlled, BIE funded school to a BIE funded and operated school.
- Retrocession is a process that takes at minimum 120 days.
 - School board has given authority of day to day operations to BIE staff who are transitioning the school.
 - School board approved 8 current staff to continue operations and assist with the transition.
- Target date for retrocession to be completed is September 12, 2022.
 - Staff on board September 12
 - Student first day September 19





HIRING UPDATES

- MANY interviews, selections, are in process.
- Some vacancies are being reposted for various reasons
 - Lack of qualified applicants
 - Selectees not accepting position
- On boarding currently: 25 staff
- On board completed: 2 staff
 - Start Date August 29, 2022 for year-round employees.



HIRING UPDATES CONTINUED

- Office staff will continue to help applicants with their applications at the front desk.
- An HR representative will be onsite next week to help with onboarding and getting BIE credentials.
 - Information System Access
 - PIV Card
 - Fingerprint Cards
 - Required Forms

ATHLETICS



- Sports Physicals Needed
- Letter of Consent and Athletic Handbook
- COOP Agreement with Arapaho Charter School
- COOP Agreement with Wyoming Indian High School Volleyball
- Sports Practice started on August 15
 - Football - HS
 - Cross Country – HS
 - Volleyball – MS, Youth
- Games will be starting soon! We are proud of our Eagles athletes for showing up for practice everyday!

PREPARATIONS FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- Student and Staff Handbooks are being reviewed.
 - Will be placed on the school's website.
- School Schedules (start/end times and bell schedules) have been planned, being reviewed for gaps/needs.
 - Will be placed on the school's website.
- Master Schedule work is in progress
 - Impacted by specific student need based on enrollments
 - Impacted by hiring



CURRENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT

K-8 81

9-12 81

Total: 162



MOVING FORWARD

- Continue Hiring Food Services, Transportation, and Education Technicians.
- Deep Cleaning of Entire School
- Continuation of transferring all property, records and operations to BIE
- Order School Supplies and PPE
- Plan for an awesome year for our students...they deserve the very best education and services!





QUESTIONS?

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Thank You Nya:Weh Aho
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