

## Tiger Pride News and Notes

## Moves at Central Education Center

In the summer of 2020, Central Education Center's District Offices on the 3rd floor moved to the 4th floor. This change accommodated the relocations of some of our second-grade classrooms from Bonner to Central for the 2020-2021 school year as part of our COVID Response Plan.

At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, the District Offices remained on the 4th floor. This decision was made due to the significant time and resources required to move all of the furniture, files, and equipment again. While some of the rooms on the 3rd floor were converted to storage areas for PreSchool and Tiger Time supplies and equipment, others were used for Community Education programming such as Adult Education classes and Early Childhood Family Education parent/child classes.

While occupying the 4th floor, there have been challenges for the District Office staff including a non-operational restroom, unit ventilators for which parts are no longer available, and the lack of adequate temperature controls in each room.

In late June 2024, the last working unit ventilator on the 4th floor took its final breath. With no functioning ventilators on the 4th floor, it was determined that the District Office staff would need to be relocated back to the 3rd floor. The storage that was in the rooms on the 3rd floor has been moved to the 4th floor. Some of our District Office staff will share the classroom spaces on the 3rd floor that will continue to be used for Community Education programming.

The large meeting room on the 4th floor will continue to be used for School Board and administrative meetings. At this time, the District does not have the financial resources to move the networks and technology equipment, including the sound and camera systems, that are used to broadcast the School Board meetings.

In addition to the changes taking place at Central, we are busy getting the buildings ready for the start of the new school year. Throughout the district, we have over 400,000 square feet of space that needs to be cleaned and prepared for the return of our students and staff. This work typically takes the entire summer to complete. When considering the number of classrooms that will be cleared of furniture, floors and carpets that will be scrubbed and shampooed, the amount of surface areas that will be wiped down, etc., it is amazing that it all comes together by mid-August.

We want to give a huge shout out to the maintenance crew along with the summer custodial team, the technology team, and the Central Education Center staff for their hard work and diligence in getting these projects accomplished!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, staff, programs, and schools.

Go Tigers!