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Dear Parents,

It's that time of year when we are gearing up for the 2015-2016 school year. We have had a few changes at the District with teachers retiring and others moving onto new challenges in their careers. We know this year is going to be a great year for all of us, and we're looking forward to the first day of school on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

The 2015-2016 school year will be welcoming new faces in our schools. We have two new teachers to replace retiring teachers, and in the process of assigning and reassigning paraprofessionals to meet the needs of the students in our district.

- Heidi Hansen is replacing Kendall Torgerson as the Special Education director/teacher. Her main duties will be at the high school and visiting the elementaries.
- Jamie Knight is replacing Tyrel Clove. She will be teaching Health, College and Career Awareness, which is a requirement for the junior high students, and will be the new volleyball coach, with Bryanna Robinson as her assistant coach.
- Kristy DeLange is replacing Chrissa Edwards as the Special Ed teacher at Circleville Elementary.
- Jo Whittaker will be replacing Kristy DeLange as the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and will also be working with the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Art program.
- Shannon Gleave is transferring to Oscarson Elementary as the Kindergarten teacher and will be working with the Beverly Taylor Sorensen Art program.
- Jim Payton will be staying at Circleville Elementary as custodian and will also start driving bus, replacing Linda Jenkins who retired.
- Teresa Pearson will be helping Jim at Circleville with custodial duties and also serve as the preschool bus aide.

Utah state law requires any high school student (freshman through senior) interested in participating in any sport to have a new physical (Form A) every year. In addition, all high school athletic participants will need to go online to [registermyathlete.com](http://registermyathlete.com) and register to play. The state has also added a new graduation requirement that requires all seniors to pass a civics test in order to graduate. We are gearing up for this new requirement in lower grade levels giving students ample time to pass. The Professional Learning Communities teams are being refined with literacy, math, special education, and Beverly Taylor Sorenson Art. The PLCs are designed as a way for stakeholders to come together in their respective areas and mitigate the barriers of learning for students. The teams talk about data and how to improve engaged student learning. We have established district goals to improve technology effectiveness, enhance positive district and school climate, improve innovative instruction, promote college and career readiness, maintain effective teacher professional development, promote and improve safe schools, and facilitate productive district collaboration all with the intention of placing student first in our quest.

Oscarson Elementary has had new carpet, heating, and roofing repairs with some remodeling to the office area. Circleville Elementary has had new lighting installed.

We are working hard to create a learning environment that provides students with the best opportunity to learn and achieve their goals.

Piute County School District would like to thank you, the parents, for the privilege of teaching your students!

Sincerely,  
Piute County School District