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Tammy's Top Ten on Tuesday **August 30, 2016**

- 1. Bus Tour Tomorrow:** A final community bus tour highlighting some of the sites included in the Facility Plan and Bond Levy is tomorrow, August 31 at 4:00. The tour departs from the District Office Building, 1100 4th St. S., and travels to Longfellow Elementary, Great Falls High School, Roosevelt Elementary, the Lowell site, North Middle School, C. M. Russell High School and back to the DOB. Call Cindy at 268-6001 to sign up for this opportunity.
- 2. Community Forum:** A Community Forum for the Facility Plan and Bond Levy will be held next Tuesday, September 6 at the Great Falls High School Auditorium, 1900 2nd Ave. S., 6:00-7:30. I will give a one-hour presentation about the entire Facility Plan followed by Q & A moderated by the Tribune. Tours will be available one half-hour before as well as at 7:30. Call Cindy at 268-6001 to RSVP.
- 3. School Calendar:** The first day of school for students is tomorrow, Wednesday, August 31, 2016. The last day of school is Thursday, June 8, 2017. You can find the entire school calendar here: <http://gfps.k12.mt.us/sites/default/files/16-17calendar.pdf>
- 4. Back-to-School Safety:** This is a perfect time to remind the community about all the things we need to do to keep our youngest citizens safe. GFPS devotes an entire webpage to Student Safety. Check it out here: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/students/safety>. Be sure to click on the bullet "Back to School Safety Tips for Community Members." The Police Department provides some very good reminders.
- 5. Convocation:** Over 1000 GFPS staff members and community members came together at the CMR Fieldhouse on Monday, August 29 for an hour and half presentation designed to set the stage for the 2016-2017 school year. You can view the news stories here: www.krtv.com/clip/12695102/back-to-school-preparations-in-great-falls and www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/local/2016/08/29/convocation-rings-new-year/89540440/.
- 6. Budget:** The Board of Trustees adopted the 2016-2017 budget at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 22. Ray McClelland, in a letter to the Tribune editor on July 25, wrote, "...a friend of mine went to the school board meeting, asked to see the budget and was told it was restricted." At least in the last several years, that did not happen. The budget is public information and is posted on our website for everyone to see. The budget details for the current year and for the past two years are here: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/departments/business/budget.
- 7. Board Meetings:** Board of Trustees meetings are typically held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of most months. Exceptions are October, December and February. Agendas and supporting information are always posted the Thursday afternoon prior to the Board meetings. Important Board information can be found here: <http://www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/school-board>.
- 8. Truck Raffle:** The GFPS Foundation Truck Raffle is in full swing. The Toyota truck was donated by City Motors and all proceeds go to funding activities and programs for GFPS students. This year, there is also a 2nd place prize of a \$1000 gift certificate to North 40. For more information, click here: <http://www.gfpsfoundation.org/support-us/truck-raffle/>.
- 9. GFPS Strategic Plan:** As the kids settle into the new year, the GFPS staff is tasked with a variety of projects and initiatives that are planned to enhance and improve the District. These are outlined in the Strategic Plan. You can review all the goals and key results here: www.gfps.k12.mt.us/content/about-us.

10. Golden Age Passes: GFPS has the pleasant custom of giving free lifetime athletic passes to any Great Falls community member 62 years and older. Just stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1100 4th St. S. to get yours today.

I hope you enjoyed this week's Top Ten on Tuesday! The next release is scheduled for September 13, 2016.

Take care. Be well. Stay safe.

Tammy L. Lacey

Superintendent

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