



Superintendent Reid Newey meets with community council members from the Woods Cross High School feeder schools. Along with meeting with each school faculty in the district, Newey is reaching out to community council members through these scheduled Meet and Greets for their thoughts on what is working in the district and what may need to be looked at for changes.

Superintendent seeks community input

Meet & Greet events held in each high school cluster

The definition of Meet and Greet, according to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, is a reception at which a public figure, such as a politician or rock star socializes with the press and other guests.

Nope, no press here, and nope, no politician either.

Gathered around are members of local school community councils asking questions about the number of counselors in schools, the need for more school nurses, the establishment of secure vestibules and if there is a way to cut down the size of a class of 32 third-graders.

At the front of the room, sitting among the gathering, is Reid Newey, superintendent of the Davis School District. He's officially been on the job since Dec. 1, though he gave up part of his vacation time from his previous employer in an effort to get up to speed in his new digs.

The new surroundings include a district that is the second-largest employer in Davis County, that educates more than 70,000 students, and which operates an annual budget of just more than \$467 million.

But he wants to keep the district small and wants a personal connection with people.

"The best way I can learn about the district is to go out and meet peo-

ple," Newey says. "We appreciate you members of the school community councils and the many things you do to support our schools."

According to district policy, community councils create a school improvement and School LAND Trust plan and make recommendations to school and district administrators regarding the school and its programs, among other things.

Knowing what community council members are charged with, Newey also wants to know:

- What should I know about your community?
- What should I know about

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Save the date

• Family Literacy Night is at 6:30 p.m., March 20 at Northridge High School, 2430 N. Hill Field Road.

The keynote authors are Richard Paul Evans and his daughter Jenna Evans Welch. At least 16 other local au-



thors are scheduled for workshops and book signings.

The event is sponsored Target, Barnes & Noble and Olive Garden.

For more information about the event, go to www.davis.k12.ut.us/davisreads.

Schools, employees recognized

Congratulations are in order! Here are some of the great achievements of schools and individuals throughout the district.



King

• **Millcreek Junior High band teacher Chad King** was awarded the Outstanding Music Educator of the Year Award by the Utah Music Educators Association in St. George.

• Eight students achieved national accolades as they earned some of the top slots at the first annual **National Chinese Math and Science Competition** in Fort Lauderdale recently. Elementary and secondary Chinese immersion students competed in the math and science competition where they demonstrated an impressive understanding of the content and their ability to speak Chinese.

• **Bountiful Junior High student Kara Hughes** was honored for her volunteer work as one of two Utah recipients of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. She received a medal, \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C.

• **Jamal Braxton, a student at Northridge High School**, has been named a finalist in Operation Homefront's 2017 Military Child of the Year award in the Air Force category. The award recognizes youth for their scholarship, volunteerism, leadership and other criteria.

• **Kathy Chisholm** has been selected for the 2017 Outstanding Alumni Award by the University of Utah Department of Special Education. She will be honored on April 12.

• **Sunset Elementary** received Utah's Title One Distinguished School Award, which is a first for the Davis School District. The school has increased their proficiency in reading, writing, math and science.



Chisholm

• The 5A wrestling champion is **Layton High**. **Viewmont High** took 4th and **Syracuse High** 6th.

• **Viewmont High** girls basketball team took second in the state championships.

• **Bountiful High's** drill team danced their way to first place in the state championships for 4A schools. **Layton High** drill team took fifth place for 5A schools.

• **Sunset Junior High** girls basketball team won the district title with a 45-29 win over Centerville Junior High.

Superintendent's message

Together we help students excel

The past month has been marked by achievement, excellence and opportunity realized by the students and staff of Davis School District.

We have had two state championships, in Drill (Bountiful) and Wrestling (Layton), Central Davis won the National Academic League District Championship and several of our teachers and administrators have been honored for their work with students.



Newey

All of these accomplishments highlight the great work of students and the caring and tenacious work of school personnel and family members to teach and support the great students of Davis School District!

Our goal is for every student to be engaged in the classroom and have the support and guidance to excel while pursuing their education in academics and extracurricular activities.

We thank our great professionals who make it happen every day for the students of Davis District.

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your school?

- What is working well and should be sustained?
- What needs attention and could be improved?

So far, Newey has held Meet and Greets with community councils from Bountiful, Syracuse and the Woods Cross high clusters. He meets Thursday at 4 p.m. with the Clearfield High cluster. Schedules are being finalized for meet-

ings with community council members in the Davis, Layton, Northridge and Viewmont clusters.

"Some of these things are going to be taking time for me to get used to," Newey acknowledges. "... But we want to push students into a 21st century education.

"I think we are at a point where change is the order of the day. And students are going to have to be ready for change, because change is coming fast."

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