MISSION: Engage, Empower, Inspire

District 6 provides every student with a personalized, well-rounded and excellent education in a safe, caring environment.

VISION: District 6 educates today’s students in partnership with families and communities to succeed in tomorrow’s world.

STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Students will engage in a challenging, personalized, well-rounded education preparing every student to be college and career ready with the skills needed to be successful in the community and world.

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

District 6 will increase engagement and interest in learning through community and school partnerships with our students, parents, and community to enhance student success.

CLIMATE AND CULTURE

We will cultivate a safe and supportive learning environment for all, embracing our diversity, honoring and engaging all stakeholders, and promoting safety.

OPERATIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

We will be innovative and accountable to the community, through measurable outcomes and continuous improvement.

VALUES AND BELIEFS

Our students come first.

We know every child can achieve.

We commit to excellence, innovation and continuous improvement.

We ensure safe and healthy schools.

We view diversity as an asset.

We provide opportunity and choice.

We partner with families and communities.


The Board of Education and I are dedicated to ensuring we engage, empower and inspire our Greeley-Evans School District 6 students each and every day. Each District 6 staff member is working to provide an excellent education for our students, and give students the support and resources to be successful.

I am just finishing my first year as your Superintendent of schools, and what a year it has been! Along with the Board of Education, we have embarked on a journey to improve relationships both in and out of the district, to put systems in place to ensure every child graduates with a plan for the future, and continue programs that are helping our children achieve while leaving behind practices that aren’t netting results.

A big part of our work this year and next will be to implement Innovation2020, a strategic plan that will put into action the mission, vision, values and goals of our district. In this report, you will see evidence of how we are already putting this plan to work for our students. We are beginning to develop action plans to ensure the district goals are realized, and are fulfilled year after year. My staff and I are committed to leading this significant work.

I believe in the power of partnerships, building consensus and strengthening relationships. By working together, we will ensure our students succeed in new ways. And ensuring the success of our students is why we in District 6 get up every morning and come to work.

We want our communities of Greeley and Evans to join us on this journey. We implore you to help us help our children learn, thrive and reach their goals. Please learn about what is happening in our schools. Visit or volunteer. Talk with our teachers and staff about the great work they are doing for students every day.

I am happy and proud to be your Superintendent in Greeley-Evans School District 6. My role is to serve you, our students and our staff. Thank you for your ongoing support in this important work!
DAVID MILLER
Greeley Central High School

The constant support from counselors, faculty and students to better each other daily. Central Wildcats truly are a family.

KIMBERLY HERRERA
Northridge High School

Having teachers and staff who support all students to reach their highest potential.

DIEGO RUIS
Greeley West High School

The diverse environment, which gives us a unique sense of identity and culture.

BY THE NUMBERS

21,440
Student Membership
as of October 2015

13th largest school district in Colorado

31 SCHOOLS

3000+ EMPLOYEES

3rd Largest Employer in Weld County

Source: Upstate Colorado Economic Development

100% of our teachers are highly qualified

76.9% of students graduate on time

65% of students qualify for free or reduced priced meals

MORE THAN $3 MILLION MEALS WERE SERVED LAST YEAR

937,488 MILES driven by our school buses in one year!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

It’s true. Schools can’t do it alone. That’s why at Greeley-Evans School District 6 we value the support and partnerships we have in the communities of Greeley and Evans.

Our relationship with the City of Greeley and the Achieving Community Excellence program has helped us provide sports to our middle school students, given students leadership training and opportunities, provided internships for high school students, supported our Career Academies, and much more.

Since 2010, The Success Foundation has given more than $624,000 to support schools in District 6. Its support of the Blended Learning initiative has put hundreds of devices in the hands of our students. The 21st Century Grant program has helped teachers throughout the district innovate and educate students.

The Greeley Dream Team helps hundreds of first-generation scholars and at-risk students realize their goal of graduating high school and formulating a plan for the future. Through programs such as the Educational Talent Search and Peer Leadership Program at Jefferson High School, the Dream Team mentors and supports hundreds of students. The Greeley Dream Team also provided $30,000 in scholarships to graduates this year.

Sponsors and donors gave more than $40,000 to support the second annual District 6 School Kickoff Community Celebration. The donations were used to host a huge celebration at Island Grove Regional Park to welcome back students, families and staff, as well as provide 2,200 backpacks filled with school supplies for our students.

In addition, more than 5,000 people are registered to volunteer in District 6 schools, providing more than 20,000 hours of assistance. The Bear Hug Club pairs volunteers to classroom teachers to help provide direct literacy tutoring to elementary students. More than 60 volunteers were matched with teachers this year, and the program is expanding next year to include math tutors.

There are many, many more community partners – too many to possibly list. These essential relationships and partnerships are one of the things that makes District 6 great, and gives our students the opportunities they need to be successful.

“Everything District 6 does, from scrapping for higher test scores to attempting to not only raise its graduation rates but sending those kids off to college, can be traced to this issue: Quite frankly, District 6 can’t do it alone.”

- The Tribune Editorial Board
July 5, 2015
- **92 students** earned the prestigious AP Scholars Award from the national College Board for exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement Examinations.

- **Five District 6 seniors** will receive Daniels Fund Scholarships, which cover four years of tuition and fees, room and board, books and miscellaneous educational expenses for scholars who attend any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States.

- **Three students** received the prestigious Dell Scholarships; one student received the Comcast Scholarship.

- **Kelly Kennedy**, an adapted physical education teacher with Greeley-Evans School District 6, was named the 2015 Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year by SHAPE Colorado.

- **Kelly Longacre** received the Honorary American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on October 30.

- Chappelow K-8 Arts Magnet Principal **Sandy Cosner** received the Honored Administrator Award from the Colorado Music Educators Association.

- **Four District 6 elementary teachers** won $1,500 Creative Elementary Science Teaching awards from the Bond Family Foundation. Three other teachers won $500 special recognition awards from the foundation.

- **Rachel Hurschman**, District 6 wellness coordinator, won the 2016 Kaiser Thriving Schools Honor Roll award.

- **Anna Meza**, kitchen manager at Northridge High School was named 2016 Colorado Manager of the Year by the Colorado School Nutrition Association.

- **District 6 Nutrition Services Department** was honored as the K-12 Innovator of the Year by Food Management Magazine.

- **Centennial Elementary School** was awarded a $150,000 grant from the Colorado Health Foundation to replace its aging playground and make it handicap accessible. The new playground will be installed in summer 2016.

- More than 300 people gathered to cut the ribbon and see first-hand the newest school in Greeley-Evans School District 6. Prairie Heights Middle School, a 103,000-square-foot facility to replace John Evans Middle School. Prairie Heights was funded through a Building Excellent Schools Today grant and an $8 million bond issue passed by Greeley and Evans voters. We thank our voters for supporting this new school.

- Early College Academy opened in August 2015 at the former Aims Corporate Center in west Greeley. This partnership with Aims Community College allows students to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an associates degree in four years, free of charge. Students are taught by certified District 6 teachers and Aims faculty. In 2016-17, the junior class will be added to the school, with seniors added the following year.

- Greeley West High School was selected as a National Demonstration School by AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a kindergarten through postsecondary system that helps to change underperforming students into confident, college-going scholars and graduates. The school, which joins only 150 AVID National Demonstration Schools nationwide, was selected through a rigorous application and screening process that included onsite reviews.

- Students at Winograd K-8 scored higher than any others in District 6 on the CMAS tests in English language arts and math administered last spring. Winograd students at all grade levels scored above the state average in the “meets” and “exceeds” expectation categories on this new assessment. These categories show students are proficient or above at their grade level. A close second were the students of Chappelow K-8, who scored above the state average in 12 of 14 tested areas at all grade levels.

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- Through the work of many community partners, College Goal Sunday was held Sunday, February 21 at the Island Grove Event Center, and it was a huge success. Volunteers helped students and their families apply for college and scholarships, assisted in filling out required financial reports and provided information on educational opportunities, including the Weld County Bright Futures scholarship.

(Straight Credit: Tyler Silvy, Greeley Tribune)
At Greeley-Evans School District 6, our goal is to have procedures and practices in place to make our organization transparent and accountable. We do this by providing easy, public access to information our communities need and want. From financial records to meeting announcements to information about student achievement, please make sure to check out these links on our webpage at www.greeleyschools.org.

**Financial transparency:** See every check written and purchase made as well as the adopted budget summary, financial audit, quarterly financial statements, salary schedules, charter school financial reports and investment performance reports. Click the financial transparency flag on the left side of the District 6 home page.

**Student data:** View everything, from graduation rates to student achievement data at [www.cde.stat.co.us/schoolview](http://www.cde.stat.co.us/schoolview), or link to it from the District 6 home page.

**Board of Education:** Read minutes and agendas from Board of Education meetings, view District 6 policies, see meeting schedules or even watch full videos of past Board meetings. Go to “Our District” and simply click on “Board of Education.” Board of Education meetings are also broadcast live on Comcast Channel 16.

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**The Tribune looked into District 6’s special district credit cards, and honestly, we were licking our chops a bit. Nope. We were, instead, pleasantly surprised at the levels of accountability in this system. Well done, District 6.”**

- The Tribune Editorial Board September 17, 2015

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**DOING MORE WITH LESS**

**STATE PER PUPIL FUNDING BY DISTRICT COMPARISON**

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*Based on 2014-15 data, the most current available

**FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT**

- General Instruction: $.39
- Transfers to Charters: $.22
- Operations and Maintenance: $.13
- Instructional Support: $.09
- Special Education Instruction: $.07
- School Administration: $.06
- Transportation: $.03
- General Administration: $.01

Learn more online at [www.greeleyschools.org/understandingthebudget](http://www.greeleyschools.org/understandingthebudget)
WHAT’S COMING IN 2016-17

We are planning exciting new initiatives, as well as expanding some of the excellent work we are doing to help students achieve. Blended Learning – the integration of online learning with teacher-lead instruction – has shown tremendous success in many schools by improving student performance, especially in the area of mathematics. Blended learning will continue at the schools implementing in 2015-16, and new schools will be brought online as resources allow.

Work on the Graduation Initiative will continue and expand at all District 6 high schools. This initiative supports interventions for students who are struggling with one or more classes in the ninth grade, and gives them the support they need to be successful. The goal is to decrease the dropout rate and increase the number of students who graduate on time with a plan for their life after high school. Ultimately, District 6 would like to have zero dropouts and 100 percent of students successfully complete high school. We are on our way!

School choice continues to be a need and desire of our families, and District 6 is considering ways to provide the programs that our community values. The newly named S. Christa McAuliffe STEM Academy K-8 will begin integrating Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics curriculum. The school will also begin its expansion to a K-8 by adding sixth grade in 2016-17. Monfort K-6 School is implementing core knowledge curriculum next year. Billie Martinez Elementary School is implementing STEAM: Science, Technology Engineering, Arts and Math curriculum. And, both Dos Rios Elementary and Brentwood Middle School are close to gaining status as middle years International Baccalaureate programs.

Expanding internships and work experience, providing more early college opportunities, giving students greater access to Career Academies such as the Health Science Academy and Agriculture Pathway, and providing the best instruction in all our classrooms are goals we are pursuing for 2016-17.

We know graduating students who are ready to successfully tackle college or enter the workforce helps Greeley and Evans grow and succeed. We take that challenge seriously, and will continue to look for the best way to help all our students achieve.

CONNECT WITH US

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Greeley-Evans School District 6 and the Board of Education commits itself to a policy of nondiscrimination and shall not discriminate in its educational, employment or hiring practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status or disability.

Concern or complaint procedures have been established for students, parents, employees and members of the public. The following person(s) have been identified as a compliance officer for District 6:

Chief Human Resources Officer
1025 9th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: (970) 348-6000

Greeley Tribune

"... district leaders have a commitment to communicating openly and honestly with the public they serve."

- The Tribune Editorial Board
October 24, 2015

2016-17 SCHOOL EVENT CALENDAR

AUGUST 13, 2016
School Kickoff Community Celebration
Island Grove Regional Park

AUGUST 19, 2016
Grades 1-12: Students' First Day of School

AUGUST 24, 2016
Kindergarten: Students' First Day of School

September 5, 2016 ................................................................. Labor Day, No School
September 19, 2016 ............................................................. No School for Students
October 14, 2016 ................................................................. No School for Students
November 23-25, 2016 ........................................................ Thanksgiving Break
December 21-January 2, 2017 ................................................ Winter Break
January 4, 2017 ..................................................................... Students Return to School
January 16, 2017 ................................................................. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 6, 2017 ................................................................. No School for Students
February 20, 2017 ............................................................... Presidents Day
March 20-March 24, 2017 ..................................................... Spring Break
April 28, 2017 ....................................................................... Spring Vacation Day
May 24, 2017 .................................................................... Students' Last Day of School
May 25 - 27, 2017 ............................................................... High School Graduations
June-July, 2017 .................................................................. Summer Break