

# **TRANSFORMING EDUCATION IN THE WASHINGTON WEST SUPERVISORY UNION**

## **WHEN**

**January 3, 2013  
7pm**

## **WHERE**

**HUHS Library**

## **PRESENTATION**

**Sheila Rivers & Brigid Scheffert  
Followed by a Q & A period**

**ALL INVITED  
AND  
ENCOURAGED  
TO ATTEND**

## **JOIN**

**School Board  
Members, Local  
School Principals,  
Central Office Team,  
Parents, &  
Community  
Members**

## **FOCUS**

**School Quality  
Standards; Common  
Core; New SBAC  
Assessments;  
Differentiated  
Learning; Changes in  
Learning Design;  
Tight Budgets;  
Dwindling Student  
Populations;  
Supporting 21<sup>st</sup>  
Century Expectations**

## **FOLLOW-UP**

**Seminar planned for  
March**

WWSU Board Invites You to Join the Discussion:

**Transforming Education in the Washington West Supervisory Union—Planning for the Future**

January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm, Harwood Union Library

Change is uncomfortable. Yet we are asked daily to be flexible, amenable and forward thinking in the face of a shifting future landscape. Our schools are asked to act similarly as they are tasked with educating our children—the future leaders, as is so often said. With technology attaching itself to greater facets of our lives and a powerful global economy, we must be reflective in how our school systems are meeting these new demands. Certainly standards are evolving, but how do the schools in our specific supervisory union position themselves in a way that is not if business as usual but responsive to these new standards? It is important that we craft a coherent plan so that we can be proactive in creating new expectations and goals for our schools.

Clearly, a strong focus on areas of science and math seem like an intuitive pathway but what about greater technological adoption and immersion, cross cultural programs, differentiated learning opportunities? Is this a tall order with tight budgets and potentially dwindling student populations? How are we as a community going to support 21<sup>st</sup> century expectations within our rural school system that is proud of graduating talented, skilled, and competitive students?

These are important and compelling questions that we should all be engaged in as we look forward and consider a vision for Harwood Union High School and all the schools in our district. Therefore, please consider being involved in a series of very important seminars that will be taking place over the course of the year at Harwood Union.

The first seminar titled, Transforming Education in Washington West Supervisory Union—Planning for the Future, will take place January 3, 2013 at 7pm in the Harwood Library. There will be a presentation by WWSU Superintendent, Brigid Scheffert and WWSU Curriculum Director, Sheila Rivers, followed by a Q & A period. Please be a part of this important conversation with school board members and principals from your local schools, the central office team, parents, and community members. The plan is to follow up with one more seminars during the course of the year, in March.

If we are to successfully embark on change with optimism and courage, it is important that all the stakeholders are part of the process and understand the challenges and goals facing our district as we work toward a clear path of success for our students.

Ben Smith, Washington West Supervisory Board Chair

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