

Justus-Tiawah School

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To Parents of Justus-Tiawah Students:

As the end of the first semester draws to a close, there are a couple of things I need to share with you. Mr. Fraley has resigned and is no longer with the district. I (Dr. Boothe) will assume Mr. Fraley's morning bus route and personally oversee the transition of his teaching and coaching duties. Ms. Casey will move to elementary physical education; Rod Mason has agreed to serve as head 7-8 basketball coach, while Mr. Starkey and Ms. Hardin will work together to fill the void during Track season. While we strive to make this transition as seamless as possible, you are always encouraged to reach out to your student's building principal with any question or concerns.

Next semester will bring an opportunity to enhance school safety while increasing educational opportunities for our students through a school bond election. This NO TAX INCREASE bond will provide a storm shelter, in the form of new classrooms on the South Campus, and a storm shelter, in the form of a new library and cafeteria, on the North Campus. It is imperative that our students spend less time in a shuttle bus and more time in a desk. While this is the central theme of the bond issue, specific details will be provided in January upon return from the break.

As I reflect on my first semester at Justus-Tiawah, I want to thank each of your for being so welcoming and supportive. It's easy to be successful when you are surrounded with the quality of students, faculty, staff and school board that composes our district. When we announced that we were relocating to NE Oklahoma, I was told. "If you move there, you'll never move back." I think they were correct.... Have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year! Classes resume January 4th.

Sincerely,

Dr. M. Shane Boothe Superintendent