

Dear Sherman County Students, Parents, Staff, and Community Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to say I am honored and very excited to return as the Superintendent of the Sherman County School District. Being away from the District for two years has given me a unique perspective on the positive educational environment that has been created through many years of dedicated efforts from the entire Sherman County Community. I feel very fortunate to be joining a District that is dedicated to fostering an educational setting that is focused on the motto, "Working Together to Put Student Success First".

The Sherman County School District has maintained high quality educational programs primarily because of our talented staff, dedicated School Board and also because our businesses, community agencies, parents and volunteers consistently support our schools. As we move forward together, your support will never be taken for granted and is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to commend and thank Dr. Peter Tarzian for his service, leadership and dedication to the Sherman County School District. We wish him the very best in his retirement. In addition, please join me in welcoming Merrie von Borstel as a new member of the School Board.

I look forward to the 2015-16 school year with conviction and a commitment to continue to improve services for our students and constituents. Our ability to improve is dependent on your comments, suggestions and feedback. Please don't hesitate to send an email message to me at wowens@sherman.k12.or.us if you have questions.

Thank you in advance for your partnership and support of our students! I am looking forward to a fantastic 2015-16 school year.

Sincerely,

Wes Owens