

As we move through this busy and exciting fall season, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of our students who embody the “A” in Athletics—and all the dedication, discipline, and teamwork that come with it.

This year has truly been one for the record books. For the first time in recent history, Bay District Schools is home to three district champion high school football teams: Bay High, Deane Bozeman, and Mosley. These programs, their coaches, and especially their athletes have demonstrated what commitment, focus, and hard work look like day after day. Their success is no accident, and we are extremely proud of each team as they prepare to advance to regional competition. We’ll be cheering them on every step of the way.

Our fall athletic successes extend well beyond the football field. Our middle school and high school volleyball teams have wrapped up strong seasons marked by growth, perseverance, and teamwork. Whether they were securing wins, battling through tough matches, or supporting each other on and off the court, these athletes represented their schools with pride.

We also want to recognize our swimming and cross-country athletes, many of whom are preparing this week for their upcoming regional meets. These sports require early mornings, intense conditioning, and tremendous mental discipline. Congratulations to all who have qualified, and good luck to each student competing at the next level—you have our full support.

At the same time, our winter sports programs are gearing up for another exciting season. Soccer, basketball, wrestling, and weightlifting are already underway with conditioning and tryouts, and we look forward to cheering on these athletes as they begin their competitions in the coming weeks.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t also highlight the outstanding accomplishments of some of our other extracurricular programs. The FFA chapter at Deane Bozeman recently earned impressive honors at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, a testament to their expertise and leadership. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented Bay District Schools on the national stage.

And with Veterans Day approaching, I want to recognize the students in our JROTC programs across the district. In the coming days, they will be supporting ceremonies and memorial events throughout our schools and community. Their respect and commitment to honoring our veterans reflect the very best of who we are.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, our schools, and our district. As we celebrate these accomplishments and look ahead to all that is still to come, it’s clear that our students are leading the way in putting the “A” back in Bay!