Nebraska's commissioner of education travels to about 50 schools a year.

Tuesday morning Dr. Breed landed in Gothenburg to tell teachers and staff that the district has wonderful community support.

Breed spoke at an annual teacher appreciation breakfast, hosted by the Gothenburg Chamber of Commerce, where food is served to teachers and staff and prizes donated by businesses are given.

"Some communities have the support you have and some do not," he said.

Because the community invests in the future, Breed said that helps bring about a successful school and students.

Breed also thanked teachers for what they do in educating students.

The commissioner spoke later to teachers in the PAC. A story on those remarks will be published in the Aug. 22 issue of The Times.

Superintendent Dr. Mike Teahon also addressed the group.

With school starting Thursday, Teahon described Tuesday as the one of the most exciting days of the year.

“This breakfast sets the tone for the rest of the year,” he said.

From his travels, Teahon said community support in Gothenburg is unmatched.

He pointed to such things as the school, built 10 years ago by a community-supported bond issue, a renovated library and doctor’s clinic as examples of the support.

Teahon encouraged the faculty to shop locally and to volunteer in a community that has supported the school system so well.

The superintendent also urged the group to promote the town when traveling the state and to notice and encourage businesses that might fit well in Gothenburg to locate here.

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