

Gothenburg school is a jewel

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I had the pleasure of touring Gothenburg Public Schools on Saturday, July 2, with the GHS Class of 1991 20-year reunion group. Even though I currently have two children in the system and go to events there regularly, I still wanted to take part in that tour because I am just awestruck by that facility. It is still unbelievable to me that a town of 3,500 people has such a wonderful facility and that the administration now has to deal with the “problem” of a student population that is growing faster than ever projected.

Another thing that struck me was the pride and passion that superintendent Mike Teahon had when he gave that tour. As a taxpayer in District 20, I am truly proud of the way in which my tax dollars are being spent.

I appreciated the openness and transparency displayed by Mr. Teahon when talking about all aspects of the school system. He is proud to tell anyone the whole story anytime they want to take the time to listen.

Mr. Teahon commented that he has given a tour nearly every weekend this summer. He does not have to do that. He did not have to give up part of his holiday weekend for me. He did that because he has a passion and love for his school and his community and he is proud to share the story.

The heart of every small community is their school. In a day when many small schools are struggling to keep their doors open, Gothenburg is not only keeping the doors open, they are remodeling and adding on to parts of the facility while not placing any further burden on the taxpayers. The planning and forethought of our superintendent and his board is second to none.

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