



Above: Staff members of Palmer Ridge High School's Epilogue yearbook and Bear Truth newspaper, with their staff adviser, Tom Patrick, were acknowledged for awards received for their publications. **Right:** Allison Wise, left, English learner and Adult Literacy teacher, and English Learner Facilitator Stephanie Johnson, were recognized by the Colorado Department of Education for their Promising Partnership Practice for adult literacy and the annual international dinner. *Photos by Harriet Halbig.*

board was the commitment to a culture of caring.

Pfaff also thanked them for their efforts and apologized for serving on the board dur-

ing the period when drastic budget cuts were taken.

Magerko commented that the committee's work has resulted in important conversations. The district had no idea how long the recession would last and has had to compensate for the failed mill levy override. With the economy strengthening, we hope we can now help.

Director Sarah Sampayo said that one of her goals in running for a position on the board was to fix this problem.

Assistant Superintendent Cheryl Wangeman presented proposed budget adjustments for the 2017-18 year, to include solutions to the frozen salary issue.

Wangeman said that the Frozen Committee's proposal



could cost \$643,000 annually. One source of funds could be postponing purchase of school buses (\$100,000 each) and applying the savings to salaries.

Sampayo commented that school buses provide safety for the students. She suggested that, since the district had recently spent a great deal on

technology, perhaps some of the proposed tech funding could be diverted to buses. Perhaps some students could bring their own computers from home, she said.

Magerko agreed that it would not be wise to sacrifice safety, and perhaps a way could be found to purchase

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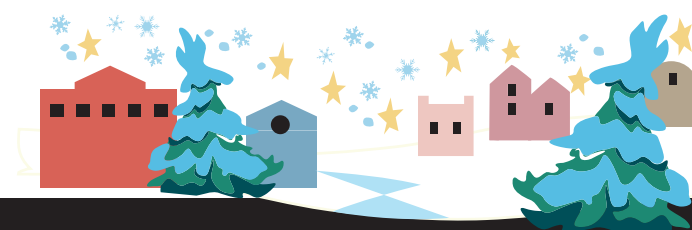
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