## **Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Braves**

Mission Statement: To prepare students with the academic, spiritual, physical, cultural, and social skills needed to be productive world citizens and lifelong learners in a technological world.

Vision Statement: Keeping our Wakanyaja (children) sacred through positive thinking and positive actions.

## **Message from the Director of Special Education**

As Director of Special Education, it is an honor and privilege to partner with students, families and school staff in our work together to prepare each and every student at the Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School.

My name is Rebekah Smith. I moved from Texas, my home state, and have been in South Dakota for 32 years. I married the late Farrel Smith and had two beautiful children, Hunter and Virginia Smith. I currently have five precious grandchildren whom I love spending my time with. I have one brother, Bobby.

For my years of education, I started my career as a Special Education Teacher at Tiospaye Topa School for 17 years. I served 3 years as the Special Education Director for McLaughlin School District and 4 years at Rock Creek Grant School as the Superintendent, Special Education Director/Teacher and wore many hats. I graduated from the University of South Dakota with my Master's Degree in Administration and also earned my Specialist Degree in Special Education from the University of South Dakota.

I am dedicated to partner with you in order to initiate practices that empower each and every student to achieve academic excellence, personal growth, and social responsibility. I will ensure that children of all abilities are able to learn based on their own unique set of skills and challenges. Students in the Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School identified as in need of special education and/or related services are given equal access to the high quality education provided by the district. I am committed to promoting a caring community of professionals that meet the diverse academic, behavioral, emotional, and social needs of our students in a respectful and positive environment.

I look forward to working with you, your children, our special education teachers, and staff. I am proud to work at Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School and proud to serve in the role of the Special Education Director. C-EB has a mission to help all students learn and I will do my best to serve students and families. This is where my heart is and my passion is, to work with students.

Thank you,

Rebekah Smith, Special Education Director

