

Whittier Union High School District

Serving the communities of Whittier, Santa Fe Springs and portions of Norwalk, La Mirada, and La Habra Heights

A Legacy of Excellence

Superintendent's Message

Winter 2018

As we surpass the halfway mark of the 2017-18 school year – and quickly approach the exciting graduation season – it is a joy to reflect on the achievements thus far of our students, teachers, staff and campuses, which continue to set the bar for college and career readiness.

The start of the new year has brought forth a renewed energy across our eight campuses. Our students are driven, our teachers are focused and our entire Whittier Union family is excited for what the coming months will bring.

I invite you to join us on this exciting journey by taking a closer look at the extraordinary work happening in our classrooms every day, as demonstrated in our winter newsletter.

More than 12,000 students have taken on the challenge to learn new subjects, embrace innovation and pursue educational excellence. They have been hard at work exploring colleges, careers and financial aid opportunities; hundreds have been perfecting their artistic crafts; many have overcome personal and academic obstacles to become exemplary campus leaders and pursue their dreams; and some are making headlines on campus for being accepted to Ivy Leagues and being contenders for state and national scholarships.

Behind their success is the talented team of educators, who are constantly setting goals, achieving and reaching higher each day to ensure we are providing a robust education for our students. Many of them can be counted among the alumni who have returned to our campuses as teachers, seeking to inspire, encourage and guide the next generation of community leaders.

Others are seeking ways to enrich their already robust programs by winning grants that will not only benefit our students, but the community as well – building on our collaborative efforts to ensure students have every opportunity to flourish.

As such, we have remained committed to engaging our parents in their child's education, with our individual schools holding parent education workshops and our District promoting various events that provide parents the support and resources to help their children succeed.

Our students are what drive us to do better, work harder and foster a stimulating environment that will help them thrive.

We look forward to our continued progress toward higher student achievement, bolstered by teachers, staff and administrators who work every day to provide the best educational experience possible for all students.

Martin J. Plourde

Superintendent



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