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# Dear Rosemead School District Community,

As we look forward to the upcoming winter recess, I am filled with gratitude and pride as I reflect on our school district's remarkable achievements and accomplishments during the first half of this academic year. The dedication, hard work, and collaboration of our entire learning community have truly made a positive impact, and I am excited to share some of the highlights with you.

First and foremost, I want to express my appreciation to our dedicated staff and amazing students for making the past few months successful. It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year.

Here are some notable achievements and milestones from the first half of the school year:

### New Playgrounds and Classroom Renovations:

- Exciting new playgrounds were installed at Janson and Encinita, providing our students with enhanced spaces for physical activity and play.
- Much-needed renovations were completed in several classrooms across the district, creating more conducive environments for learning.

#### **Infrastructure Upgrades:**

• A significant milestone was achieved as all our schools received upgraded air conditioning units for multiple classrooms, ensuring a comfortable and conducive learning environment.

## **Growing Learning Community:**

• We welcomed many new team members to our small and mighty learning community, strengthening our commitment to providing quality education.

#### **Successful School Events:**

The school year kicked off smoothly with a successful first day, and our Back-to-School Night
events were highly productive, fostering positive engagement between parents, students, and
staff.

## **Enrichment and Expansion:**

- Arts education at the elementary level continued flourishing with various programs, including
- Encinita expanded its Dual Language Immersion program by adding another grade level.
- Our TK program experienced growth with the addition of more classrooms and students.

# **Program Additions and Athletic Achievements:**

• Muscatel introduced several new programs, including a full-time Art teacher, additional student clubs, and participation in a competitive middle-school athletic league.

# **Community Engagement and Support:**

• Our Ed Services/Student Services Teams facilitated valuable parent and community sessions on social-emotional well-being, PBIS/Anti-Bullying, and campus/student safety.

## **Enrichment Beyond the Classroom:**

 We continue to support enrichment beyond the classroom with added field trips and after-school/weekend courses.

# **Special Events and Community Involvement:**

- Our second annual Young Men's Leadership Conference was a resounding success.
- The Run/Walk, sponsored by our Education Foundation, garnered overwhelming support and was highly successful.

# **Holiday Performances:**

• Every school has hosted amazing student holiday performances, bringing joy and festivity to our learning community.

As we approach the Winter Break, let us take a moment to reflect on the positive impact we have made together and the countless opportunities that lie ahead in the new year. I am proud to be a part of this incredible learning community and am excited about the continued success and growth that the future holds for the Rosemead School District.

May this holiday season bring you warmth, joy, and cherished moments with your loved ones. Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating Winter Break and a Happy New Year.

Warm regards,

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