

Dear District 26 Families,

The past few months have been incredibly tumultuous. So much uncertainty and anxiety for us and for our children. We don't know exactly what September will bring but we do know it's going to look very different from any September we've seen before. There are so many unknowns. But if we focus on the uncertainty it just brings more anxiety. So let's focus on what we do know:

- We know that in District 26 we all share an unyielding commitment to hard work and excellence in education.
- We know that the social emotional well-being of our children is paramount.
- We know that the success of our district is built on the trust and close relationships between our schools and our families.
- And we know that in District 26 Together Is Better!

These are the core beliefs that anchor our district and keep us connected as a community. They live in the amazing work that goes on every day in every one of our schools, whether in the buildings or remotely. And they strengthen the bonds that keep our District 26 family grounded in optimism.

At our recent Coffee and Conversation with Parent Leaders, we invited PTA presidents and CEC 26 members to create a *Positive Vision Board for September*, describing how we want our families to feel when we return to school. We'd like to share it with you.



As always, we're so grateful for your collaboration and your commitment to your children's education. Wishing you all a peaceful and restful summer. Please reach out to us with any questions, comments, or concerns. Whatever September brings, we are built for this! We got this! You got this! Together is better, always & especially now!

Superintendent Giunta and the District 26 Team