



San Diego Unified School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are about to wrap up a very successful school year. I want to take time to thank you for your support of learning at home and for the privilege of serving your students and family through our schools. The growth we are making together is most encouraging.

Thanks to you, the San Diego Unified School District is narrowing the achievement gap, meeting and exceeding U.S. targets for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), helping more students become fluent in English, surpassing statewide results on the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), and improving the state Academic Performance Index (API) of many of our schools. Districtwide, all groups of students here are increasing their achievement, and 12 more Title I Achieving Schools were honored recently for their exemplary gains. We are attracting more students to take challenging Advanced Placement high school courses. You may also be pleased to learn that 14 of our high schools have just won 2007 recognition from Newsweek Magazine for ranking among America's Best High Schools. We must continue to build on these successes.

Seven more of our elementary schools recently received Board of Education approval to become kindergarten through eighth grade schools. A new Arabic Language Program is being offered at Carver Elementary School. We also will offer three exciting new magnet programs this fall: Barnard Elementary Mandarin Chinese Language Program, Birney Elementary Academy of International Studies and Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary Micro Society Magnet School. To enroll, call (619) 725-5672 or go to www.sandi.net and click on enrollment options.

We are pleased that Lincoln High School and four other new state-of-the art schools will be opening this fall. They include Luther Burbank, Florence Griffith Joyner and Laura G. Rodriguez elementary schools and Thurgood Marshall Middle School. Building these new schools and modernizing many existing schools was possible because of wise use of Proposition MM school bonds, which were recently refinanced at a lower interest rate to save local taxpayers millions of dollars.

Thanks to dedicated parents, teachers, administrators and support staff, we are on our way to becoming America's best large urban school district. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Carl A. Cohn
Superintendent of Schools

PS. We will offer convenient districtwide one-stop enrollment of new students July 23-August 24, 2007, noon to 7 p.m., at Roosevelt Middle School, 3366 Park Blvd. Please sign up.