



# San Diego Unified School District

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Carl A. Cohn  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for giving the education of your student a very high priority at home this year. I deeply appreciate the trust you place in our schools and our district every day. I want you to know that your child's success in school and your satisfaction with our schools matter to us.

As mentioned last month, on a recent San Diego Unified School District parent survey more than 90 percent gave high ratings on their child's school relative to safety, cleanliness, respect for parents, treating children fairly, and other important qualities. Eighty-eight percent of parents were satisfied with their child's achievement in school and, with your help, they can do even better. We are determined to do our part by endeavoring to improve our services to you this school year.

We appreciate that you are your child's first and most important teacher. You can give your child a great advantage in school by providing a quiet place at home to study without disruption -- a well-lit place to do homework, read and write. It makes sense to turn off the TV until the homework is done, and then limit viewing. Students who watch less TV do better than students who watch TV for more than two hours a day. Instead, you can spend some of that time together reading interesting books, articles and stories, listening to your child read to you, and enjoying and discussing what you have read. These activities show that reading is important to you.

Getting to know your child's teachers is another excellent way to communicate and understand what your child is learning. PTA back-to-school night offers you an excellent opportunity to do so. Please take time to meet our teachers and pick up a course outline or a list of what the teacher plans to cover this year. I also urge you to join the PTA and to take advantage of many excellent opportunities to get involved in your child's school this year. Families that support their child's school and are actively engaged in school activities send an important message that a good education is rewarding and well worth the effort.

Studies show that children who have regular meals with their parents do better in school than those who don't. One of the reasons is the good conversation at the table. Our children are learning more in school today. Invite them to tell you about it.

Have a great October!

Sincerely,

Carl A. Cohn  
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