



# San Diego Unified School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the holiday season approaches, I want to take the opportunity to say thank you for your vital support of our students and schools. I am especially grateful to our school families and the citizens of San Diego for their support of Proposition "S" which was overwhelmingly approved by 68 per cent of the voters on November 4. This vital \$2.5 billion bond measure will enable our district to repair, renovate and revitalize 180 schools to provide our students with a safe and positive learning environment.

It's been a rewarding, busy and challenging fall. As our students and schools put forth outstanding effort with positive results, the district continues to face the challenges of the mounting state budget crisis. Governor Schwarzenegger recently proposed to cut another \$2.5 billion from public education funding mid-year. We will be working closely with our new Board of Education to prioritize our programs and to keep any new budget cuts as far away from the classroom as possible. I want to assure you that as superintendent one of my top priorities is for San Diego Unified to be a strong voice in Sacramento to advocate for adequate and stable funding for our schools.

To carry that message to our state legislature, we will need to maintain the strong partnerships with our teachers, parents and community members who share a commitment to quality education for all of our children. During the coming weeks, we will work to keep all parents informed about budget developments that will impact our schools so that parents can be more directly involved in this debate. Please watch our website at [www.sandi.net](http://www.sandi.net) for budget updates.

During the holidays, I hope you will take the opportunity to talk to your child about the precious gift of education and its importance to his or her future. I invite you to take a moment to say "thank you" to the teachers and others who are involved with your child's education. These two simple words make the perfect gift.

Thank you again for entrusting your child to our schools. Have a happy, healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Terry B. Grier, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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