



San Diego Unified School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As another school year quickly comes to a close, I want to take the time to thank you for your support and for the privilege of serving your children in our schools.

The budget crisis continues. You have partnered with us to show our elected officials the impact of the proposed cuts on our students, schools and community. As a result, some progress has been made. We appreciate your efforts and commitment.

The Governor released his May Budget Revision on May 14. Since then, staff has been analyzing its impact on our district. The size of our district's estimated deficit has dropped from \$80 million to \$53 million. While I commend the Governor for prioritizing education with the partial restoration of funding for schools, his revised proposal still represents a substantial cut to our district.

As we continue to fight for full restoration of funding to our schools, I believe we can begin the process of restoring a portion of our cuts. I will be making recommendations to the Board of Education on a series of personnel restorations. We will start with the classroom.

In the midst of this budget crisis, good things are happening for our students and schools. For the second year, 15 San Diego Unified schools made *Newsweek* magazine's list of America's Best Public High Schools. Six elementary schools were named California Distinguished Schools. Nineteen teachers earned the prestigious National Board Teacher Certification. San Diego Unified was the only district among the 10 largest U.S. urban school districts to meet Adequate Yearly Progress targets for the 2006-07 school year. A dozen schools received Title I Academic Achievement Awards for exemplary gains. Your support makes these achievements possible.

Next year, we will build on these successes. Starting this fall, every district high school will have a graduation coach and will offer at least 10 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Four new state-of-the-art schools will open: Sherman and Mary Lanyon Fay elementary schools, Memorial Preparatory for Scholars and Athletes, and Millennial Tech Middle magnet school. Additional programs will be added as we continually work toward providing a high quality education for all students.

Thank you again for entrusting the education of your child to our schools. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Terry B. Grier, Ed.D.
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