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Mesa Grande 244-3709

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Dear HUSD Family:

According to the calendar, it is autumn - a time for change. Although in the desert we don't have foliage turning different colors to indicate the switch from summer to fall, we do have the shift to cold weather (although this year we seem to be waiting a little longer than usual for cooler temperatures). For many of us, it is a time of reflection.

This month we say good-bye and thanks to Board member Mrs. Helen Rogers. We also welcome new Board members, Mr. Chris Bentley and Mr. Anthony Riley. Both of these gentlemen will be sworn into office the first Friday in December, and take their seats at the December 8, 2008 Board Meeting. I look forward to working together to address the challenging opportunities that lie before us.

Every day we are faced with economic difficulties, whether on a personal, state or national level. It is very easy to allow these circumstances to cause us to lose sight of the opportunities we have to draw together. It is during such times that we must maintain our focus on the power of working together for the benefit of our students and the District.

The other day I was reading a booklet given to me by a friend that addressed The Power of 10%: How Small Changes can Make a BIG Difference. In recent months, I have challenged all of us to make a difference by degrees. As I was reading this publication, I came across a section that I'd like to share with you:

"With six billion people on this planet, we unavoidably interact with, influence, and impact the lives of others on a daily basis. Just as the moon affects the tide; the rain affects the crops; and the tilt of the earth's axis affects temperature, we cannot help but to affect the lives of those around us. The choices we make, the words we say, and the actions we take not only impact our lives, but also the lives of those around us."

Let us not forget the impact that each and every one of us has on the lives we touch day in and day out. This is true not only in our work, but also in our personal lives. Let's commit ourselves to make it a positive impact.

As we enter this holiday season, may each of us take the time to "reconnect," "renew," and "revive" those relationships with family and friends. May you and your loved ones have a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your support. It is my honor to be your Superintendent.

Sincerely,

Mark A. McKinney
Superintendent