Greetings all,

Thank you all for a great first half of the year. Yes, we are already here! Please talk time to rest, recover and recreate during the break. All of us here at the District Office and our Board of Trustees wish each of you the happiest of holidays. During our days off, may we reflect on the things that matter most in our lives and draw energy and wellbeing from those things we can count on.

A new year always brings the hope of a new start. We often develop an idea to make something better and call them resolutions. Resolution means to resolve something, the act of answering or determining. May we work on making the experiences of our students better through our working out problems, our own lives better by developing balanced lives, and our community better through small acts of service.

We will see you back on the 6<sup>th</sup> and greet our students on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Noteworthy

The Southwest Cheerleading team won the CIF Section for Competitive Cheer!

The Great Spartan Band performed at the Peral Harbor Remembrance events and the SHS Marching Band lead the El Centro Christmas Parade on the same day.

We had 84 Classified Employees and 121 Certificated Employees that had 100% attendance in November. Thank you for you dedication to your profession and the example set for our students.

## The Data

CDE has updated the Dashboard and we are doing well. Yes there is always room for growth and with each new day come the chance to improve what you do. Regardless of the job you have in our District, you each contribute to student achievement even if your work does not show up on the Dashboard. Getting students to and from school safely, fueling them with food, instructing, guiding, counseling and keep the place clean and up to standards are all part of the success of the District.

## https://www.caschooldashboard.org/reports/1363115000000/2019

## Mark your calendar

On January 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the Southwest Library we will have a State of our School Address. Board President Ryan Childers, myself and others will give a brief updated on the successes and next steps of the District. Please share the attached flyer with your students, and families.

Sincerely,

Ward H. Andrus, Ed. D. Superintendent