From the desk of the Board President
Jann-Michael Greenburg

May 2021 Board Update

Dear SUSD Families and Staff:

I want to begin by congratulating all of our students on their amazing accomplishments this year. They remind us not only of the diversity of our student body and the wide range of activities in which they participate, but also of all our wonderful staff who support our students at every step of their journey through our schools, from bus drivers and cafeteria workers, to teachers and school counselors. I also want to thank our staff, parents, and the greater SUSD community for coming together to make this year a success.

Looking Back

In May, our board and administration reviewed critical areas of our district’s operations and future projects, including:

- Reviewing our special education services and the work of SUSD’s Special Education Task Force (“SETF”). In particular, the board focused on areas of improvement, the SETF’s short- and long-term objectives to continuously improve special education, and additional supports needed to ensure that all of our students are receiving the education they deserve.

- Discussing our partnership with the City of Scottsdale’s Police Department and our Security Resource Officers (“SROs”). The board heard from Chief Walther and SUSD’s SROs about the many ways in which the police help support our students and their families, both inside our schools and outside in our wider community. Attention was placed on the importance of student and staff safety, the changing dynamics of policing in schools, and the ways in which SUSD and our SROs can improve our work together.

- Approving the Visioning Committee Process for the rebuild/remodel of Pueblo Elementary School and construction projects at Tavan Elementary School. These projects will give current and future students a safe, welcoming environment in which to learn and grow.

- Creating an SUSD webpage where all current district committees are listed (www.susd.org/committees). Members of the public can volunteer to serve on committees with open positions and learn more about our various committees’ work at the above link. We also currently need volunteer board members for the SUSD Self-Insurance Trust Board.

Moving Forward

In June, the board will discuss our current benchmark academic indicators and the ways in which our district monitors student academic and social emotional growth each year. The board will also approve its tentative expenditure budget for the 2021/22 school year. As a result of additional federal funding, SUSD will be able to deploy new resources and supports into our schools and classrooms, directly helping our students.

Yours very truly,

Jann-Michael Greenburg
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