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Maple • 244-3096
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Secondary Schools

AEC, ROP • 244-1771
Canyon Ridge • 244-6530
Cedar Middle • 244-6093
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Hesperia High • 244-9898
Hesperia Jr. High • 244-9386
Mojave High • 948-3999
Oak Hills High • 244-2283
Ranchero Middle • 948-0175
Shadow Ridge ISP & Home
Programs • 244-6530
Shadow Ridge SUCCESS
Program • 948-8169
Sultana High • 947-6777
Sunset Point • 244-6530

Dear HUSD Family,

As the second half of the school year begins, we continue to face many daunting challenges. In spite of these obstacles, our employees remain committed to meeting the needs of *all* of our students. I'd like to highlight two areas in which we have seen significant student success.

Our Alternative Education programs assist students who, for a variety of reasons, have not been successful in the regular comprehensive high school setting. These kids may be: teen parents; recovering from physical injuries or health problems; working to graduate early; marching to the beat of a different drummer; helping support their families financially, etc. The individualized approach and small teacher to student ratio provide a nurturing environment and tend to be less intimidating to these young people. This year alone we have had 21 graduates from Mojave High School; 8 from Sunset Point; 20 from Canyon Ridge; and 19 from Shadow Ridge. Bear in mind that some of these kids were severely credit deficient when they first enrolled in the alternative programs. And, according to the counselors, these grad numbers will probably double in the next month or so!

Secondly, I am pleased to announce that two of our elementary schools, Cypress and Maple, are eligible for the "California Distinguished Schools" award. This award is based on academic growth over time, with *all significant student groups*. Out of a total of almost 2400 elementary schools in the state, there are only 261 who have been deemed eligible to apply for this prestigious honor. The significant student groups include those for whom English is a second language, kids from low socio-economic groups, and those from a variety of cultural backgrounds. Without the hard work and dedication of the staff at these sites, students in these categories might not be successful in their endeavors at school. Our teachers, support staff and administrators are reaching out and connecting with these youngsters to meet their educational needs. We should soon learn if these schools have been awarded this designation. Congratulations to the students, parents and staff at Cypress and Maple!

Hesperia Unified continues to make a difference in the lives of young people. I want to thank each of you who have daily contact with students – either out on the campus, in the cafeteria, or in the classroom. Your encouraging word or deed may be the very spark that keeps kids coming to school.

Sincerely,

Mark A. McKinney
Superintendent