



District Newsletter

from Superintendent Stephen Wehr

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Dear EDUHSD Staff, Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

The close of the school year brings joy and celebration as we prepare for graduation ceremonies throughout the El Dorado Union High School District, which will recognize the accomplishments of over 1,500 senior students. Each of these young people has their own story of what it has taken to reach this moment. I am consistently humbled by faculty and support staff who stimulate and engage students academically, provide a safe inviting environment where students can gain confidence as learners, and who provide students the social and emotional skills necessary to transition smoothly to a variety of post-secondary opportunities. Thank you for your impressive work.

Parents, our schools would not be what they are without your support and commitment. Your unwavering dedication to the young people of our school community is much appreciated.

Thanks to our amazing community sponsors. Through your generosity, our students were awarded over *three hundred thousand dollars* in [local scholarship funding](#) this year. Our students have been accepted to colleges, tech programs, apprenticeships, and the military. Congratulations to our graduating class of 2018 and thanks to our community for making our students' dreams possible.

To a great extent, the hiring we have begun is in response to the retirements of a number of colleagues who have dedicated themselves to providing the best possible learning environment for the young people of

our school District community. They represent over 700 years of combined experience. As you see them on campus or out and about in the District, please take a moment to thank them for their contributions to our students and to the District:

- Mary Bastian, Career Guidance Specialist, EDHS, 11 years
- Raymond Beaver, Grounds Maintenance Worker, ORHS, 23 years
- Maria Boyd, Spanish, EDHS, 11 years
- Della Burt, Nutrition Services Supervisor, UMHS, 16 years
- Peter Cavaghan, Business, PHS, 32 years
- Robert Cavallo, Special Education, PHS, 26 years
- Debora Demoff, Business/Science, UMHS, 20 years
- Celia Friedman, Science, PHS, 32 years
- Carolyn Frost, Mathematics, PHS, 14 years
- Garry Graham, Plant Supervisor, EDHS, 15 years
- Lorrie Griffin, Nutrition Services Supervisor, PHS, 15 years
- Sandra Hawkins, Library Media Specialist, PHS, 29 years
- Deborah Hegarty, Paraprofessional Specialist, PHS, 14 years
- Angele Ingrao, French, EDHS, 14 years
- Mike Inokuchi, Psychologist/Program Specialist, EDHS, 18 years
- Eleanor Jaynes, Fiscal Technician, DO, 33 years
- Baldev Johal, Associate Superintendent Business Services, DO, 7 years
- Susan Lake, Special Education, EDHS, 16 years
- Deborah Lynn, Special Education, VA, 22 years
- Suzanne Mathews, Spanish, UMHS, 38 years
- Bruce McPartland, Campus Monitor, PHS, 13 years
- Thomas Mercer, Social Science, UMHS, 18 years
- Carol Mozley, Fiscal Technician, DO, 27 years
- Charles Prior, Principal, EDHS, 18 years
- John Pouty, Bus Driver, Transportation, 7 years
- Felix Puente, Custodian/General Maintenance Worker, IHS, 35 years
- Michael Quirk, Social Science, PHS, 32 years
- Phillip Riggs, Special Education, ORHS, 20 years
- Gary Rimoldi, Custodian, EDHS, 18 years
- Susan Sager, Business/Social Science, UMHS, 16 years
- Cynthia Salmeri, Bus Driver, Transportation, 14 years
- Sylvia Torres, Assistant to the Superintendent, DO, 40 years
- Steven Walthard, Custodian, ORHS, 15 years
- Stephen Wehr, Superintendent, DO, 14 years
- Jeri Weiss, Reader, EDHS, 10 years

We are in our fifth year of our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and I wanted to take a moment to thank all of the stakeholders who took the time to contribute as we gathered input on suggested next steps in our ongoing improvement process. A draft of our LCAP is available on the District [website](#) and is titled “LCAP Annual Update.” A public hearing on the LCAP will be held at the Board Meeting on June 12 and the Board will take action on the LCAP and budget on June 19.

In closing, I would like to thank the students of El Dorado Union High School District who helped me see things in new ways, and have never ceased to amaze and inspire me. I have enjoyed witnessing your growth as you demonstrated academic accomplishments through rigorous coursework, amazing performances through visual and performing arts, and sportsmanship on our athletic fields. In these settings you have learned how to learn, how to believe in your incredible power to make good things happen as well as how to be responsible to each other and the greater community.



Have a great summer !

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Wehr". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stephen Wehr, Superintendent