



District Newsletter

from Superintendent Ron Carruth, Ed.D.

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Dear EDUHSD Parents, Staff and Community Members:

The close of this very unique school year brings much joy as we celebrate the accomplishments of over 1,500 El Dorado Union High School District senior students. Each of these young people has their own story of what it has taken to reach this moment. We are planning celebrations and graduations as allowable. I am consistently humbled by faculty and support staff especially in this Coronavirus shutdown, 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 *five 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 2021 and thanks to our community for making our students' dreams possible.

Congratulations to our retiring colleagues who have dedicated themselves to providing the best possible learning environment for the young people of our school District community. They represent over 500 years of combined experience. Please take a moment to thank them for their contributions to our students and to the District:

- **Judy Palmer**, *Paraprofessional Specialist*, EDHS, 4 years
- **Mark Perkins**, *Custodian*, ORHS, 6 years
- **James Cooke, Jr.**, *Bus Driver*, Transportation, 12 years
- **Michael Palmer**, *Athletic Maintenance Worker*, EDHS, 12 years
- **Sharon Ladley**, *Food Service Worker I*, EDHS, 13 years
- **Kathy Weippert**, *Psychologist*, PHS, 15 years

- **Pamela Habedank**, *Campus Monitor*, IHS, 18 years
- **Anita Barnett**, *Food Service Worker II*, EDHS, 19 years
- **DeAnda Craft**, *Food Service Worker II*, PHS, 19 years
- **Mark Coovelis**, *Teacher*, ORHS, 20 years
- **Elizabeth McBath**, *Fiscal Technician*, DO, 20 years
- **Denise DeRosa**, *Director of Guidance*, UMHS, 22 years
- **Patricia Taylor**, *Paraprofessional Specialist*, ORHS, 22 years
- **Michael Eisenhart**, *Teacher*, ORHS, 23 years
- **Dwight Fuller**, *Teacher*, PHS, 24 years
- **Steve Scott**, *Teacher*, EDHS, 24 years
- **Kimberly Secor**, *Counselor*, UMHS, 25 years
- **Donna White**, *Bus Driver*, Transportation, 25 years
- **Kelly Truax**, *Teacher*, PHS, 26 years
- **Donald Aguiar**, *Teacher*, PHS, 28 years
- **Barbara Richardson**, *Teacher*, PHS, 29 years
- **Michael Arburn**, *Teacher*, PHS, 30 years
- **Karen Samboy**, *Teacher*, PHS, 30 years
- **Joni Vincelette**, *Teacher*, ORHS, 30 years
- **Frank LaBua**, *Campus Monitor*, PHS, 33 years
- **Annamarie Wunschel**, *Teacher*, EDHS, 37 years

In closing, I would like to thank the students of El Dorado Union High School District who 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, sportsmanship on our athletic fields, and with your patience of education through distance learning. 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,

Ron Carruth, Ed.D.

Superintendent

El Dorado Union High School District