

District Newsletter

from Superintendent Ron Carruth, Ed.D.

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

It is amazing that we are entering the second semester of the 2019/20 school year today, as it seems like only yesterday that we were welcoming students and their families to the new school year.

The [EDUHSD Regional College Fair](#) was a huge success in 2019. Students and family members attended to visit dozens of college booths. Students from outside EDUHSD also attended, including Golden Sierra High School, as the event was open to all students in the County. I would like to thank the college representatives that took the time to meet with students and provide them with the tools to make informed decisions. I would also like to thank the high schools for participating and giving students access to valuable resources.

The 2020 [EDUHSD Career Expo](#) will be held at Union Mine High School on Thursday, March 19 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Career Expo is designed for students to connect with community members, to find resume-building opportunities and to gather information to help them in making decisions about their future. This large and highly interactive event will have all types of careers represented, as well as local volunteer opportunities and local employers with job openings for seasonal employees and graduating seniors. Many careers will be represented. El Dorado County students in all grades and the community are invited to attend. I hope to see you all there.

On October 17, 2019 the entire District participated in the *Great California ShakeOut*, which is the largest earthquake preparedness drill in California state history. This drill allowed each campus to simultaneously, conduct a “DROP, COVER and HOLD”

exercise followed by a campus-wide evacuation. Part of the drill also included a communications exercise where each principal was able to make direct contact with the District Office via the Voxer app. This technology allows users to utilize two-way communication during an emergency with both audio and video. The members of the emergency command center at the District Office received real-time pictures of students and staff participating in the drill and the evacuation activity. Discussions are already underway for ways to improve the exercise for next year.

Our School Resource Officers (SROs) play a vital role in preventing and responding to concerns relating to school safety. In order to ensure a safe and positive learning environment, the El Dorado Union High School District and the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department partner to provide School Resource Officers at all of our school campuses. Deputies work closely with school staff to identify safety concerns and assist with appropriate responses. They readily participate in school safety drills and provide outstanding professional development for community members. They develop relationships with students and staff to assist in meeting community needs. They provide expert input and guidance relating to safety plans and practices. We are grateful for their partnership and for their service to our District.

Staff in the El Dorado Union High School District are proud of our collaboration with stakeholder groups who are leading efforts to address mental health concerns in our community. We continue to engage in professional development to develop and refine our knowledge and skills regarding mental health. We are actively pursuing growth in our, “Trauma Informed Practices” and are grateful for our partnerships with the El Dorado County ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Collaborative,

“Community HUBS” and the El Dorado County Behavioral Health Collaborative. Maintaining student health and well-being is critical to our ability to provide them with an outstanding educational experience.

Many people are asking for information about “Measure A” our School Bond focused on keeping our tax payer dollars local to our districts and keeping our students safe (campus security, state of the art lighting, fire detectors, security alarms, video surveillance, emergency systems, door locks, emergency generators, etc.). The new PG&E Power Shutdowns are certainly a challenge. In the District’s “Measure A” School Bond on the March 3, 2020 ballot, backup generators and battery backup for our solar would end our reliance on PG&E. [Embedded here](#) is a link that provides information that may have details you want to know located on our District website.

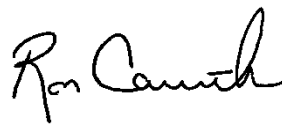
As the second semester gets underway, college and career tech acceptances are starting to roll in for our seniors and

we are looking forward to another wonderful year of academic achievement for our students.

Thank you for the passion and conviction you bring to our learning community. EDUHSD is dedicated to providing the highest quality teaching and learning environment for our students and this is being done every day through the collective efforts of our teachers, staff, students, families, and our community.

Wishing you a wonderful second semester!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Carruth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Carruth, Ed.D.

Superintendent

El Dorado Union High School District