



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 1,600 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 normal. I am consistently humbled by faculty and support staff especially in this Coronavirus era, 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 *four 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 2022 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:

- Susan McGovern, *Secretary III*, DO, 2 years
- Diane Burghardt, *Paraprofessional Specialist*, UMHS, 6 years
- Daren Mullins, *Teacher*, EDHS, 7 years
- Cynthia O'Banion, *Campus Monitor*, ORHS, 8 years
- Patricia Braun, *Administrative Assistant*, PCA, 8 years
- David Pacheco, *HVAC Mechanic*, DO, 12 years

- Beth Watson, *Paraprofessional Specialist*, ORHS, 12 years
- Diana Campbell, *School Nurse*, UMHS, 14 years
- Sandra Atkins, *Secretary II*, EDHS, 15 years
- Ventura Medrano, *Custodian*, UMHS, 15 years
- Marc Sarge, *Teacher*, EDHS, 15 years
- Maryann Hunt, *Teacher*, PCA, 16 years
- Mary Rich, *Teacher*, PHS, 18 years
- Katherine Mize, *Paraprofessional Specialist*, EDHS, 19 years
- Denise Smeltzer, *Paraprofessional Specialist*, ORHS, 19 years
- William Reid, *Teacher*, UMHS, 21 years
- Kimberly Dougherty, *Teacher*, PHS, 22 years
- George Shampine, *General Maintenance Technician*, UMHS, 22 years
- Janet Brown, *Administrative Assistant*, UMHS, 23 years
- Sharon Varozza, *Teacher*, ORHS, 23 years
- Jane Benner, *Human Resources Specialist*, DO, 24 years
- Nancy Handziak, *Payroll Specialist*, DO, 24 years
- John Page, *Plant Supervisor*, UMHS, 25 years
- Rachel Benedict, *Secretary II/Paraprofessional Technician II*, IHS, 26 years
- Nancy "Sam" Felcher, *Registrar*, UMHS, 27 years
- Dana Lawrence, *Teacher*, PHS, 31 years
- Ronald Parker, *Teacher*, EDHS, 32 years
- Stephan Seely, *Teacher*, ORHS, 33 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