



***Superintendent's Back to School Message – District Staff
2018-19 School Year***

July 19, 2018

Dear NJUHSD Family:

Welcome back! The 2018-19 instructional year is upon us. As your new Superintendent, I am excited to serve our students, staff, and communities in partnership with all of you this year. It is a great honor to lead our district, and I am deeply humbled by it. Please know that I will work hard to serve you with the same passion, know-how, and dedication you provide to our students and families every day.

Before we embark on the school year, we would be remiss if we did not take one last opportunity to thank our former Superintendent Dr. Louise Johnson for her dedicated leadership to the district and her 35+ years of service to California's public education system. She leaves behind a solid list of accomplishments for our district. Her leadership, along with your hard work, has helped to put the district on solid footing. As such, we are poised for continued growth and even greater accomplishments for our students in the future.

With a firm footing in place, we will remain committed to the direction and initiatives you and the Board of Trustees have implemented the past several years. This path, and the programs and services it embodies, are enumerated in the district's 2020 Vision and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). We will, of course, continue to look toward the future and identify ways to further enhance instructional capacity and expand our services and programs for students and adults. To accomplish this, we will launch a collective effort this year to update our long term mission and goals for the eventual adoption of a new 2025 Vision and corresponding annual LCAP(s).

I look forward to meeting you and learning about the important role you play in our district. During my first year, I will dedicate my time and energy to learning and listening. Gaining wisdom and knowledge of the district from you and our staff is important to me. I believe that leadership is first and foremost about service. So my pledge and commitment to you is to provide that servant leadership in ways that will support your success as teachers, administrators, and classified staff in our district.

NJUHSD is a very special and unique place. One that is focused and committed to providing outstanding instruction and services to the students and communities we serve. It did not take me long to reach that conclusion. Your passion, know-how, and commitment to students are the reasons why NJUHSD is recognized statewide as a great school district. As we launch into another year, our students and communities will, once again, be counting on us to provide great service and leadership. I look forward to working with each of you as we set forth on this most important endeavor.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Trustees, thank you for your service and commitment to NJUHSD. Please contact my office if I can be any service to you. I wish you a successful 2018-19 instructional year!

Sincerely,

Brett W. McFadden
Superintendent