



## *Superintendent's Back to School Message – District Leaders*

July 19, 2018

Dear District Leaders:

Welcome back or welcome back soon! I hope you were able to or are still finding time to rest, rejuvenate, and spend quality time with family and friends this summer. 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 you, 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 communities every day.

As we launch into the 2018-19 instructional 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 and your leadership have put the district on solid footing, and 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. In this light, we will launch a collective effort this year to update our long term mission and goals for the eventual adoption of our 2025 Vision and corresponding annual LCAP(s).

I look forward to developing strong relationships with each of you. I believe that leadership is first and foremost about service. My pledge and commitment to you is to provide that servant leadership so that you and your colleagues can provide the educational leadership our students and communities deserve. In addition, our work must be fun. So I also look forward to sharing the fun and joys we get to experience together during the instructional year.

Despite the challenges, I continue to believe that we education leaders have the greatest jobs. We get the opportunity to positively impact students and families in ways that create lasting legacies in their lives. It is because of this that I have never considered this just a job. For all of us, education leadership is our life's calling. It is this internal passion and commitment that will keep us focused on the mission at hand, even in the midst of great difficulties. Our students, families, staffs, and communities will, once again, be counting on us to provide great service and leadership.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Trustees, thank you for your leadership and commitment to NJUHS. We wish you a successful 2018-19!

Sincerely,

Brett W. McFadden  
Superintendent