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To the EDUHSD Community:

The 2011–12 school year continues to be a great one. In my travels across the District, I regularly witness the pride and energy of the students, staff, and community. The EDUHSD Spirit is truly inspiring.

The first grading period is complete, and our students continue to perform well across the district. Students and staff are busy finishing up a wide variety of activities this fall and gearing up for the upcoming winter season. Some of the events already completed include fall sports, musical competitions, theatrical productions, speech competitions, homecoming, and the annual college fair. Winter sports will be up and running shortly as well as many other events.

As the end of the first semester approaches, it is important to keep some important items in mind. First, it is imperative to continue to maintain open communication between the classroom and home. This time of year becomes more critical for all students to keep their focus on academics as the semester end nears to ensure that their grades reflect their hard work. Secondly, I know it seems early, however, it is time to begin thinking about course selection for the 2012–13 school year. Registration will begin in January/February, and it is critical that families understand and approve student course selections. Counselors will be working with students to develop plans that will ensure they are prepared to meet their post-high school goals. Families are encouraged to discuss post-high school plans with their child. If your child is planning to attend a four-year university, community college, branch of the armed services, vocational school, or some other postsecondary option, please keep in mind that such programs prefer and/or require a course of study that includes at least some college preparatory courses, especially in the core content areas of English, math, social science, and science. If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor.

The end of the fall semester also signifies the start of the holiday season and an opportune time to reflect upon our many successes as well as look to the challenges that lay before us. I encourage students, staff, and the community to take some time this season to thank those who make our lives better and to look for positive ways to impact the future. On a personal note, I am thankful for a wonderful family that accepts my shortcomings and inspires me to be the best person I can be. It is easy to get lost in the day-to-day events that make up our lives, but it is important to keep our priorities in mind—and nothing is more important than family! Professionally, I am thankful to serve as superintendent of a terrific district like EDUHSD, made up of motivated students, dedicated staff, and supportive parents and communities. I brag all the time about our District, schools, and communities. I appreciate the efforts of everyone involved that help make EDUHSD a great place for students and staff alike.

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Looking to the challenges ahead, we still have a great deal of work to do in order to meet the needs of “*Each Kid, Every Day.*” We will continue to focus on encouraging students to challenge themselves with rigorous courses of study and provide the support systems necessary for students to be successful. Through the direction of the Board of Trustees and in cooperation with our employees, we will allocate resources in support of these goals. This work is challenging but also inspiring.

I thank each of you for your commitment and wish you a peaceful holiday season filled with great joy.

Sincerely,



Chris Hoffman, Superintendent  
“*Each Kid, Every Day*”