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Dear LUHSD Community,

Thank you for taking the time to visit our Website and the Superintendent's page. As I do with the start of every school year I take a moment to reflect on a few of the highlights from the previous year. When we put together the list of accomplishments from just last year alone, my feelings were confirmed of what terrific schools we have to send OUR soon-to-be young adults to each year. This list is not exhaustive but it does illustrate that we have much to be proud of in LUHSD. So much so, we continue to be a "destination" district.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR-

- In comparison to the previous year, 15% more of our students were proficient on the State's Language Arts CAASPP test and 5% more were proficient on the Math portion w/ average scaled score increases of 60 and 17 points respectively.
- All faculty and staff were trained in all modules of the ALICE model for Active Shooters events in partnership with local law enforcement agencies.
- We expanded health supports via additional MFT counseling, nursing, and mobile clinic hours.
- Due to the positive relationships we have with our special stakeholders no Special Education Due Process complaints were filed.
- We began construction on a number of Measure U projects and completed the Liberty field project to make room for other campus improvements.
- Frontline software for substitutes was implemented thereby making our substitute and time management systems more efficient.
- Both Independence and La Paloma had a record number of graduates.
- La Paloma was named a Model Continuation School by CDE
- CEC successfully implemented the on-line credit recovery program Edgenuity not just during the school year but at summer school as well.
- Freedom graduated all but one of their seniors, and saw a 4% decrease in truancies.
- Heritage implemented its first Week of Welcome, and 10% of its senior class earned a 4.0 GPA or above.
- Liberty implemented school-day LMC dual enrollment classes in Chemistry and Fire Science and had a decrease in tardies from the previous year.
- All three comprehensive sites had the highest percentage of students pass their AP test as compared to the previous four years.
- We negotiated a Collective Bargaining Agreement that guarantees pay increases for three years in an effort to attract and retain quality teachers and staff members with no cuts to other programs.
- Another successful year in interscholastic athletics and extra-curricular activities. With multiple championships and stellar performances on the fields, pools, courts, stages, etc.

With so much to be proud of from the previous year it is with great optimism that we look forward to the 2019-20 school year. We will continue to focus on providing the best possible learning environments for ALL our students.

Sincerely,

Eric Volta, Superintendent