

# Superintendent's Message

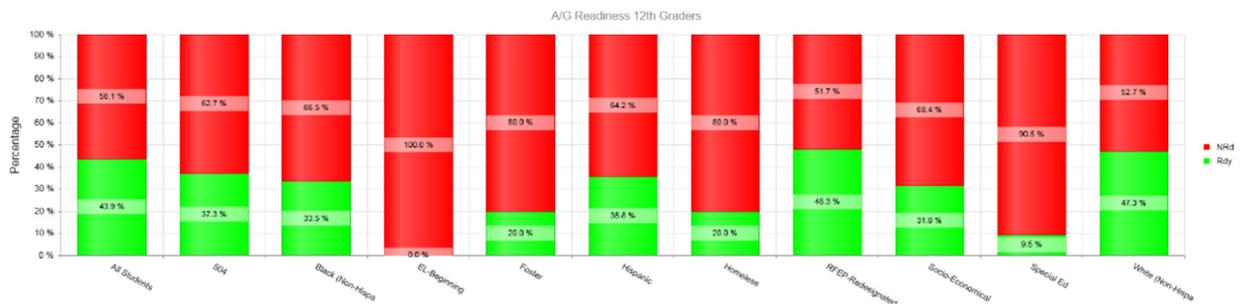
Summer/Fall 2016

Dear Liberty Community,

Thank you for visiting our web site. We are very proud of the educational program we offer in the Liberty Union High School District as highlighted by the fact that Liberty, Freedom, and Heritage have all been acknowledged by the California Department of Education as being Gold Ribbon Schools.

As we head into the 2016-17 school year I want to take the opportunity to highlight our goals for the upcoming year:

- 1) In order to monitor and communicate our successes and areas of growth, we must create an easy to read **"DASHBOARD"** that highlights the metrics identified by the State as those that will be measured on the LCFF rubric.



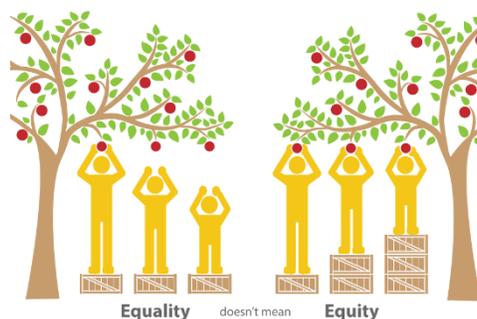
- 2) Pass a **FACILITIES BOND** Measure in November.

It is clear that with the growing development, projections show we will have to prepare for 2800 students per comprehensive site within the next 5-6 years. Secondly, even our new schools are aging. Finally community concern for the need to have equitable facilities has been voiced to the Board on a number of occasions.



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- 3) **EQUITY**. We need to ensure that every student has an equal opportunity for success. To quote Eldridge Cleaver, *"There is no more neutrality in the world. You either have to be part of the solution, or you're going to be part of the problem."* If one looks at the student achievement of our under-represented subgroups, we are closing the gap, however there is still room for improvement.





4) A review of our **SPECIAL EDUCATION** program. There is under a greater demand for services as we are serving a greater variety of need within our special services. Clear department goals on where a student should be upon matriculation should drive our program and staff development.

5) Investigate whether a new **Purpose** i.e. **MISSION STATEMENT** is warranted. Our current Mission statement that was developed a number of years ago, broken down in four parts, is:

- *The Liberty Union High School District is committed to focusing its resources on the achievement of academic and personal success for all students.*
- *Schools will develop students' ability to think critically, make rational decisions, communicate effectively and act responsibly.*
- *Schools will provide a safe and personalized environment, value diversity and collaboration, and encourage respect for others and self.*
- *Multiple avenues will be provided to assure all students master a basic core of knowledge, become a productive community member, and succeed in our global society.*

Is this still a relevant statement? Should it be simplified? As we continue to make decisions that will last far into the future, shouldn't we have a current purpose statement?



Sincerely,

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