

A Note from Dr. García

September 15, 2020

Dear SMUSD Community,

After a great deal of reflection and due to personal reasons, I'd like to inform you that I will be leaving the district. I thank the Board for the amicable separation and for the opportunity to work together these past two years with phenomenal students, teachers, parents, staff, administrators, and the community at large. I thank each of you for the hard work and wish everyone success, continued health, and safety.

To our Students: Each and every one of you has a story that is still being written—continue to reach for the stars, continue to dream, and continue to fight for a world that is inclusive of all students. Remember, education will always open the doors to opportunity. Your potential is limitless, and your future is bright!

To our Teachers: Thank you for having selected the most important profession—one that has the potential to erase inequities and place all students on the path toward the future of their dreams. Your commitment to students changes their lives daily.

To our Parents: Thank you for your shared partnership in fostering students' dreams and for supporting all of our students' goals beyond the K-12 system. Your partnership in your child's education is invaluable.

To our Classified Members: You are the backbone of the organization. Your role and contributions on school campuses and district offices do not go unnoticed—inside and outside of the classroom, through your many and varied roles, you make a difference every single day.

To our Administrators: Thank you for your fierce leadership, especially during these past 6 months. You have demonstrated that leadership matters and your ability to create the conditions for collective efficacy will ensure all students are successful.

To Team SMUSD: Thank you for your commitment to all students and for your belief in creating and fostering opportunities and relationships that focus on the success of our students—whether that be in the classroom, in the office of a School Counselor or Social Worker or School Psychologist, on the school bus, in the health office, on the playground, and everywhere in between.

To the SMUSD Community: As our world continues to shift with the twists and turns brought forth by a global pandemic, our students rely upon the ongoing courageous conversations and support that will provide the best education for all SMUSD scholars. Thank you for your dedication in moving forward with this endeavor in order to create an equity-based system that supports all students, from all backgrounds with multidimensional needs, so that, one day, "all means all" rings true everywhere.

Our important work continues. Onward. ¡Adelante!

My best always,
Dr. Carmen García