

# HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Message From The Superintendent*

As we begin to think about the completion of yet another very successful school year in HBCSD, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a very special group of individuals in HBCSD, and those people are our teachers and classified support staff.

HBCSD recognizes May 8<sup>th</sup> – the 12<sup>th</sup> as Staff Appreciation Week. Our PTSA volunteers do a wonderful job making this week special for our staff which includes certificated and classified alike. This is our opportunity to recognize these individuals who work the entire school year and make learning a priority for the 7,000 students who attend one of our 9 school sites.

This year our district piloted new materials for English Language Arts and English Language Development so that our students would have the very best materials available on a daily basis. This happened because of coordination by support staff at the district office and every school site. Many teachers volunteered to pilot these materials on top of preparing to teach students the full curriculum on a daily basis. The work they completed was amazing and next year our students will have all new materials to compliment the new math materials we purchased just two years ago.

During this year, our community supported us by passing a \$168 million bond, Measure Q. The passage of Measure Q will supply our students with the very best 21<sup>st</sup> Century classroom tools as well as new multi-purpose / gym areas and labs for science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM). All of our employees and PTSA groups worked together to inform, educate, and encourage our community to come out and vote to support the measure. Thanks to Measure Q, HBCSD will have the most innovative tools to expand what is available in each of our schools and classrooms.

Also during this year, HBCSD made a strong commitment to the arts in each of our schools by offering keyboarding and vocal coaches at each of our elementary schools. In addition, HBCSD expanded the arts department at each of our middle schools to keep up with the growing needs. The Sowers production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, our Arts Appreciation Night, and our first ever multi-school performances near the end of the year were amazing and showed just how strong each of the programs in our schools have already become, and this is just the beginning.

HBCSD continued to perform as one of the top elementary school districts in Orange County and the State of California. Again, this is due in part to the hard work of our teachers continuing to make learning rigorous, relevant and also fun. We also recognize our classified staff which includes; classroom support staff, maintenance/custodial staff, district office staff and also our food service staff. These groups are vital to the learning and success of our students and without them, our schools could not operate to their full potential.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of our wonderful employees that make HBCSD an amazing place for learning. Your work each and every day is amazing.

Gregg Haulk  
Superintendent

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