



A 2019-20 Welcome Message From Our Superintendent of Schools



I am honored to begin serving my second year as the William Alvord Unified School District Superintendent of Schools. On behalf of the Board of Education, our faculty, and our support staff, it is a privilege to partner with our families and our community. We aim to serve our children with the passion, expertise, love, and kindness that they deserve. To succeed and compete in an exceedingly global society, our students need to be able to think critically, collaborate effectively, communicate clearly, solve complex problems, and continue to learn independently throughout their lives. Californian's standards and learning assessments require us to engage our students in higher-order

thinking and problem-solving, and that's exactly what we are doing. As an example of our success, I'm happy to report that the William Alvord Unified School District is among a small number of school districts in the state of California whose students have consistently achieved at higher than expected levels, outperforming students of similar racial/ethnic backgrounds from families of similar income and education levels in most other California districts. As a result, we are referred to as a 'positive outlier' school district. Our students are beating the odds. The research was conducted by the esteemed Learning Policy Institute. Find more information on the study [here](#). After spending my first year as your superintendent learning about our approach to education, I am not the least bit surprised at our students' and districts' success. Our school board is focused on students. Our teachers, leaders, and support staff are highly qualified. And our families and community are highly supportive. That combination is a winner every time!

The Board of Education and I look forward to another rewarding school year. We will keep the focus of our attention on our mission, as expressed in [our strategic plan](#), to provide and support a dynamic learning community that embraces innovation, and exists to ensure all students attain lifelong success. We will continue to graduate students ready for college and career so that they can actively contribute to a high quality of life in our Riverside community.

My promise to you is to engage you and your children throughout the school year in an authentic way. Your voice and the voice of your children are critical in the process of creating and supporting a culture of performance. We serve a diverse population and multiple communities. Our intention is to serve everyone, equally well.

Respectfully,

Allan J. Mucerino, Ed.D.

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