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Dear Elk Grove Unified Parents, Guardians and Families,

As the end of the school year comes to a close, award ceremonies are beginning and promotion and [graduation](#) plans are in the works. This year, we celebrate many student achievements and those accomplishments spur us forward as we, the adults, work to improve the outcomes for every student. Our mission is to have every student, learning in every subject, in every classroom, every day to get better at being creative problem-solvers, gain more technical literacy, become increasingly engaged in the community, choose to act with integrity, communicate and collaborate with peers and be self-aware, self-reliant and self-disciplined. When our students demonstrate these six essential skills and the knowledge they need to survive in the 21st century, they are ready for college, career and life.

This past year, we also shared some difficult times as we faced very real and complex societal issues such as bullying, teen suicide, equity, racism and threats to our safety. I thank you for your grace, patience and respect for one another as you stood to advocate for your children and kept an open dialogue with me and my staff to discuss challenges, opportunities, ideas and to offer support. We realize that living in a diverse community doesn't ensure acceptance and equity will happen on its own. To champion diversity, we must consider multiple perspectives including race, culture, socioeconomics, physical differences and religion. Similarly, providing high quality instruction doesn't mean that equity will happen on its own. [Equity](#) is everyone's job and we must examine our own biases and be alive to the hopes, dreams and challenges of each other to recognize and eliminate barriers to access. In the words of author Jim Wallis, "to create transformative and successful educational environments...that takes focused and strategic attention, dynamic leadership, disciplined commitment, and sustained resources," all of which I am committed to doing.

In the coming weeks, I look forward to attending many recognition ceremonies where I join parents and families with shout outs and applause to acknowledge student achievement. Other developments include [Measure M](#) projects and I encourage parents to go online to see completed, current and planned projects. A great deal of restoration and maintenance work will be finished this summer and multiple comprehensive modernization projects are already starting. With regard to modernization, I also invite families to provide their vision and participate with us at our upcoming [Community Summit](#) on May 2, 2018 at Harriet Eddy Middle School. The summit is for those interested in contributing to the development of a set of comprehensive education specifications, which will result in exciting and innovative standards that will drive what our classrooms and other facilities look like in the future.

To conclude, let me assure you that the safety and well-being of every student on every campus is our number one priority and we will continue our coordinated efforts to make sure our sites remain safe and secure. Students need to feel safe in their physical environment as well as in their social and emotional environment to be productive and confident. As we roll-out our [Outward Mindset](#) training, [safety](#) procedures training, and reinforce our [Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports](#), I believe our sites will be safe school zones that will help keep our neighborhoods safe communities.

Thank you for a terrific 2017-18 school year and I hope to meet with many parents at upcoming events. Enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CHRISTOPHER R. HOFFMAN', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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### **Parent Survey**

The EGUSD Parent Survey is an important tool we use to evaluate our success in achieving the best education possible for all children. The information parents provide through this survey will be used to make further improvements to our school and district programs. Your input is very important to us. Please click on the below links to take the online survey.

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