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Dear Dry Creek JESD Staff Members:

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! To say that much has occurred this past summer would be a serious understatement. Digital Classrooms, a district office re-organization and an "interesting" state budget process highlight the many changes that have taken place. Paramount among these changes was the passage of AB 114 which specifically affects our district budget and certificated staffing. In response to this budget trailer bill, the Board of Trustees, upon staff recommendation, approved the rescinding of 12 certificated staff layoff notices. While we have some concern over the nature of this bill, we are delighted to bring teachers back to our district!

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, Gordon Medd has taken the next step in his career path with his appointment as Superintendent of the Loomis Union School District. In response to this move, and in the interest of realizing greater efficiencies and cost savings, the position of Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services will be "frozen." Brad Tooker, Deputy Superintendent, will assume responsibility for Business Services in addition to his Human Resources duties. The Facilities, Maintenance, Operation and Transportation Department will be administered by the Superintendent. Jim Ferguson will return to a director level position supporting both Human Resources and Educational Services.

The second phase of the Digital Classroom project will be completed on schedule and within the project budget. Students and staff at Antelope Crossing Middle School, Coyote Ridge Elementary School and Quail Glen Elementary School will begin the new school year in classrooms featuring the latest in technology. This coming summer, the final phase of implementation will include Heritage Oak, Antelope Meadows and Dry Creek Elementary Schools.

The district's first Transitional Kindergarten class will commence at Quail Glen Elementary School this year. The "TK" program is an exciting addition to our educational program. Staff worked diligently this summer in designing a curriculum that specifically meets the needs of our students who are not quite ready for the kindergarten experience.

Once again, our district will face challenges as we begin the new school year. It is disheartening that many of these challenges are due to circumstances beyond our control. Never-the-less, our district has prepared to meet the fiscal challenges foisted upon us by a "smoke and mirrors" state budget and a sluggish economic recovery.

On behalf of our district and, most importantly, our students, I commend all of you on your continuing professionalism and dedication as we prepare for another successful year.

Very truly yours,



Mark Geyer  
Superintendent