



ALHAMBRA

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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A Message from the Superintendent

A Warm Welcome Back to School and a Reminder: Connection + Civility = Empathy = Safety

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, and Staff,

This week we begin a fresh new school year filled with promise and discovery. Along with a warm welcome back, my special wish for each of you is to fully embrace learning, growth, hope, and connection. Never have these four mindsets been more needed.

All of us at Alhambra Unified are fortunate to be part of one of the most richly diverse communities in the nation. Daily at AUSD, we are lucky enough to experience and savor the value of the perspectives of our multicultural, multilingual fellow students, parents and colleagues. We learn more expansively and build better, more interesting teams, solutions and plans when we take advantage of more varied viewpoints.

This appreciation of those who are different from us is essential to a civil society and to success in learning and in life. In light of the deadly violence this past weekend, we must each actively seek to do more to create a culture of belonging in our schools, our neighborhoods and communities. Let each of us become a model for harmony and empathy.

Here at AUSD, we have a twin focus on academic excellence and relationship-building, and you are the key to both. With those anchors, we have a beautiful year ahead. See you Friday!

With warmest appreciation,
Denise Jaramillo
Superintendent