



Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District  
**Superintendent Dr. Alex Cherniss**

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***“A dynamic learning community in a rigorous academic environment”***

Dear Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District Teachers, Support Staff, Parents and Community Members:

Our District’s vision statement ***“A dynamic learning community in a rigorous academic environment”*** speaks volumes for who we are as a community and what we value. The [Board of Education](#) of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District has charged me, as your new Superintendent of Schools, to inspire our students with a passion for learning, to engage our parent and community members, and to empower our teachers and support staff. The world of education has dramatically changed in just a matter of a few years. Our students are being assessed differently and our schools are being funded differently. In order for the Palos Verdes Peninsula USD to be the best school district in the State, we must be flexible, forward thinking, and innovative in all that we do to support student achievement.

As I conclude my first exciting week as Superintendent of this amazing District, I would like to share with you my educational philosophy and expectations. First and foremost, it is my belief that the PVPUSD should and will provide all students with an education second to none! That must be our commitment to every student and every family that is a part of our District. To meet this commitment to excellence, I have the following expectations:

1. All of our students are physically and emotionally safe and healthy at school.
2. All of our students are proficient or advanced in English Language Arts and Mathematics (currently at approx. 75%).
3. All students have opportunities for high quality academic and extracurricular enrichment.
4. Our District will be leaders in education technology, computer science, and STEM.
5. Our District will be at the forefront of innovation through the establishment of community partnerships and joint projects.
6. Our teachers are to be the best trained and supported workforce in the State.
7. The Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District will be the #1 School District in the State of California, using multiple measures.

I look forward to working with all of our school community partners to meet these expectations. It is an honor to serve as your superintendent of schools.

Respectfully,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Cherniss".

Alex Cherniss, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District