



June 2, 2021 Superintendent's Message

Dear Staff and Community Members,

As we near the end of the 2020-2021 school year, we have much to celebrate. Our COVID-19 case numbers have dropped significantly and we were able to have In-Person schooling since the beginning of the school year. To our teachers, support staff, administrators and district staff, thank you for showing up every day to ensure the best outcomes for our students. Thank you to the community who supported us in making the decision to offer the distance learning, College Prep Homeschooling, and in-person instructional offerings since the beginning of the year. Thank you to our healthcare partners for their expert guidance and access to vaccinations when they become available. Thank you to our School Board for their continued commitment to putting students first. Most of all, thank you to our students and their families for their positive attitude and resilience. The combined work this year reminds me of a quote by Coretta Scott King, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Our 8th grade students are preparing to graduate this week. We are incredibly proud of them for their resiliency and diligence in reaching these milestones and for all they have accomplished during this most difficult year. We look forward to celebrating all our graduates!

It was a little over a year ago that I was sending out one of the hardest communications ever, that our school district would remain closed for the rest of the 2020 school year. Since that time, we've learned a lot as a school community about living amidst a pandemic as well as remaining focused on students learning and growth. This year has had its moments of trepidation but it also has demonstrated our relentless tenacity and the belief among students, parents, and educators in our community that we can make good things happen when we work together. We will continue to use these same strengths in the coming school year. As we move forward, we will keep our students at the heart of every decision.

We presented a comprehensive plan for expanded learning to the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, May 18th. The **Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant** will see a wide array of learning and social emotional supports for Redding School District students for this summer and the coming school year. Here are some highlights of the plan.

Summer School is starting on June 8, 2021 and running through July 2, 2021 with 175 students. It delighted me to see that families and students were lining up to enroll in our summer learning program. I know the summer planners are putting together a fun and supportive time for students to learn and have an enjoyable experience.

Beginning Band Camp (July 19-23), Intermediate Band Camp (July 26-30), and Robotics Camp (June 14-17) are planned for this summer. They are free to Redding School District students and it is anticipated they will quickly fill to capacity. If you think your child would like either of these camps, please contact your school for possible openings.

Extra Tutoring/Work Completion Support were instituted this year at all campuses and we will be continuing this for the coming school year. We are excited to offer this program to our students during the school day and after.

Library Enhancements will be funded for all school libraries as well as classroom libraries to add more books. We are enthusiastic to be able to continue adding to our school selections of books for the coming year.

Counselors and Increased Aide Support will provide an increase in social emotional support on every campus. The increased number of aides are also geared to support our young learners in reading.

Smart Start Activities will be offered at each campus as planned by each school site staff. These could include team building activities, transitional support of younger students, or before school testing.

Technology Support will continue as we are, and have been, a technological school district for many years with students having their own Chromebook or digital device. Computer Science, Robotics, and STEAM will continue to be a focus that is supported by our technology department. Our technicians take pride in ensuring students and staff have access to the technology they need to teach and learn.

2021-2022 School year

Our first day of school for students is August 18, 2021. Redding School District will offer **Full In-Person** schooling while implementing required health protocols for the coming year. Currently we have no clear guidance on the types of protocols that will be required but the state is opening up in this regard and we expect some of our requirements to also be changed. The legislation that allowed schools to offer the Distance Learning program will sunset on June 30 of this year so we will not offer a Distance Learning program for the 2021-2022 year. We are still offering our well established **College Preparatory Homeschool** for those families that would like to continue with an at home option.

It will be a great day to welcome all of our students and families back to our schools for the return on August 18, 2021. Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our children, staff and the Redding School District community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Adams".

Robert Adams
Superintendent