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Dear DUSD Staff:

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope your summer provided time to rest, recharge, and enjoy moments with family and friends. As we begin another exciting year together, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for the passion, dedication, and commitment each of you brings to Douglas Unified every day.

This year's theme, ***RISE to Excellence***, reflects the values that define who we are and guide the work we do on behalf of our students and community. Together, we will continue to build a culture where every student is empowered to learn, grow, and succeed. As we **RISE**, we commit to:

Responsibility - We take ownership of our work, our actions, and our impact. Every role within Douglas Unified contributes to student success, and each of us is responsible for creating safe, engaging, and supportive learning environments where students can thrive.

Integrity - Integrity is the foundation of trust. We lead with honesty, treat one another with respect, and make decisions that reflect our shared commitment to doing what is right-even when it is not easy.

Success - Success is achieved through collaboration, perseverance, and a shared belief in the potential of every student. Every Student. Every Day.

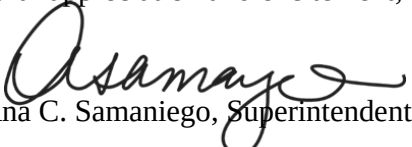
Excellence - Excellence is not about perfection; it is about consistently striving to be our best. Through continuous learning, innovation, and a commitment to high expectations, we elevate ourselves, our colleagues, and our students every day.

As we embark on this new school year, I encourage each of us to embrace these values in everything we do. The challenges we face will become opportunities when we work together with purpose, compassion, and determination. Our collective efforts make a lasting difference in our students' lives, and there is no limit to what we can accomplish as one Douglas Unified team.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for choosing to serve our students and families with care and commitment. I am honored to work alongside such an exceptional team of educators and staff. I look forward to celebrating our accomplishments and witnessing the incredible impact we will make together this year.

Let's make this a year of growth, collaboration, and achievement as we ***RISE to Excellence*** through ***Responsibility, Integrity, Success, and Excellence***. Wishing you a wonderful start to the school year!

With appreciation and excitement,


Ana C. Samaniego, Superintendent