



Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Antioch Unified School District Staff and Families,

What an incredible first day of school! On behalf of the Board of Trustees and myself, thank you for helping to make the start of the 2025–2026 school year such a joyful and successful one.

We had the great pleasure of visiting several of our campuses yesterday during our “Magic School Bus Tours,” and the energy, smiles, and sense of community we witnessed were truly inspiring. A special shout-out goes to our Transportation and Maintenance & Operations teams—your behind-the-scenes work ensures our schools are safe, clean, and ready for learning. We are deeply grateful for all that you do.

To our incredible teachers—thank you for welcoming our students with care, creativity, and enthusiasm. Your commitment to excellence was evident in every classroom we visited.

To our site administrators and leadership teams, your thoughtful planning and steady leadership made the day smooth and positive for students, families, and staff alike.

To our classified staff and support teams, thank you for your tireless efforts to keep our campuses running and our students supported.

To our amazing Food Services team, thank you for making sure our students are nourished and cared for throughout the day. Your work is essential and deeply appreciated.

To our students—thank you for bringing your joy, curiosity, and energy into our schools.

And to our parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting the care and education of your children to AUSD. We are honored by your partnership and committed to supporting every student’s success.

Over the next couple of weeks, I will continue visiting campuses and look forward to meeting more of our students, families, and staff members. It’s clear that great things are happening in Antioch, and I’m thrilled to be on this journey with you.

As part of my commitment to transparency and connection, I’ve developed a Superintendent Entry Plan that outlines my priorities and actions over the next several months. To find it on our district website click [here](#).

With deep appreciation,

Dr. Darnise R. Williams

Superintendent

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