



Update from the Superintendent

To: Parents and Guardians
From: Mark McQueen, Superintendent
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As we approach the last day of the 2023-2024 school year, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and pride for the incredible journey we have shared together. This year has been nothing short of extraordinary, and I have enjoyed every minute spent learning and growing alongside our students.

One of the highlights of this year has been the opportunity to immerse myself in classrooms across our district, witnessing firsthand the remarkable teaching and learning taking place every day. Learning about every facet of operations at Bay District Schools has been an eye-opening and humbling experience. From our Bus Barn, to our Maintenance Department, to our schools and ancillary support services, every member of our Bay District Schools Team of Teams exemplifies what right looks like in public education. Their dedication, creativity, and passion are exemplary.

I am particularly excited about our collective efforts to "put the A back in Bay," working hand in hand with our entire community to ensure all students have access to a well-rounded education that encourages their academic achievement, nurtures their creativity, and fosters their artistic and athletic talents. I sincerely appreciate our students' hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. Students are the heart and soul of our schools, and their achievements inspire us all.

I also want to express my gratitude to the parents and guardians who have supported their children's education and prioritized attendance, recognizing the critical role that consistent attendance plays in student success.

To our instructional staff, thank you for pouring your hearts and souls into the education and well-being of our students. Your dedication and passion make a lasting impact on the lives of our students each and every day.

A special thank you is also due to our support staff, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that every aspect of our district runs smoothly. Their contributions are invaluable, and their commitment to our team is deeply appreciated.

Our administrators also deserve our appreciation for their vision, leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Their guidance and expertise have been instrumental in shaping the future of our district.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the tireless efforts of our faith-based organizations, and other non-profit organizations, whose steadfast support and partnership enrich the lives of our students and strengthen our community. I have also been so impressed, and humbled, by our business community's commitment to improving education in our community. Their partnerships support our schools and lift them to new heights.

As we look forward to the summer months, I wish the entire Bay District Schools community a relaxing and restful break. While the school year may be ending, our work continues at the district level as we prepare for the exciting opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in the 2024-2025 school year. With enthusiasm, determination, and dedication, we will continue our mission of putting the "A" back in Bay!

Thank you for your unwavering support. I look forward to our continued partnership as we strive for excellence.