

Hello, Bay District Schools family! I'm Mark McQueen, Superintendent of Bay District Schools.

I hope you're having a great week as we head into one of the most meaningful times of the school year. We are now in our final week before Christmas break and the last full week before final exams and the close of our first semester. This is a key moment for our students, because how we finish says a lot about who we are. I want to encourage every student to finish strong...stay focused, give your best effort in class, complete assignments on time, and take your exams seriously. Every day matters, and every minute of learning counts.

This week, I've had the opportunity to visit several of our elementary schools, and I've been sharing a simple but powerful message with our youngest learners: believe in yourself. Believe in your abilities, believe in your teachers, and believe in your school. I've seen so much potential, energy, and pride in our classrooms this year, and it reminds me just how special our district truly is.

That same message applies to everyone: our students, our teachers, our staff, and our families. This time of year is about believing...believing in our goals, believing in our growth, and believing in Bay District Schools. When we work together and stay committed, we truly are putting the "A" back in Bay.

So let's make this final week count. Strong academics, strong attendance, positive attitudes, and a commitment to excellence in everything we do.

As we approach the Christmas season, I want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's finish this semester strong and head into the break proud of what we've accomplished together.

Have a wonderful week, and as always, thank you for believing in Bay District Schools. Together, we will put the "A" back in Bay!