

## Welcome Greeting

Dear GUHSD Community:

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year! This is a very exciting time for the Grossmont Union High School District (GUHSD) as Proposition H funds are now paving the way for classroom modernization projects at seven of our oldest campuses.

With the new school year beginning on Monday, August 20, 2007, we hope that you will encourage your student to arrive to school on time every day, so that we can implement meaningful instruction from the very beginning of the school year.

As you may know, during the summer Superintendent Terry Ryan retired. While the Governing Board conducts a nationwide search to find his successor, Dr. Donald Haught has assumed the duties of interim superintendent. We expect the search process to wrap up next month and Dr. Haught will work with the Board's selection to ensure a smooth transition.

I am extremely proud of our many dedicated teachers, staff, students and parents. Their hard work is paying off. Last year, our 2007 graduates exceeded the statewide pass rate on the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). Our test scores are increasing and student attendance is improving, marked by a 15% decrease in student suspensions this past school year.

The latest data show GUHSD students making significant strides in academic achievement. Our students made large gains in the areas of science, English and mathematics last year. In fact, GUHSD showed improvement in 12 of the 15 major California Standards Tests.

Despite these gains, our hard work must continue to ensure that all students across the District are learning and performing at ever higher levels, particularly in light of the increased rigor of the No Child Left Behind requirements and our own high standards.

On behalf of the Governing Board of the Grossmont Union High School District, best wishes to you and your students in the new school year. Our focus remains on quality teaching and learning.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Schreiber  
President, Governing Board  
Grossmont Union High School District