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Superintendent's Message 2026-27 School Year

Dear San Pasqual Valley Community,

As we begin the 2026-27 school year, I am filled with hope and excitement for what lies ahead. Every new school year brings new opportunities, fresh starts, and the chance to make a difference in the lives of our students. This year, our district is united around one simple but powerful theme:

The Kids are Waiting

Those four words remind us why we are here. Every decision we make, every lesson we teach, and every improvement we pursue should begin with our students. They are waiting for us to inspire them, challenge them, believe in them, and prepare them for a successful future.

Last year, I shared my belief that the "magic" happens in the classroom. I still believe that today. The classroom is the heart of our district because it is where relationships are built, curiosity grows, and learning happens. Our job is to make sure every classroom gives students the best opportunity to learn every single day.

This year, we are introducing a districtwide focus on **Best First Instruction (BFI)**. Our goal is simple. We want students to learn the material the first time it is taught through strong, engaging, and effective instruction. When students learn well the first time, they gain confidence, stay engaged, and need fewer interventions later.

Our Best First Instruction framework is built on five key components:

- **Well-Planned Instruction** that is purposeful, connected to grade-level standards, and meaningful for students.
- **Data-Informed Instruction** that uses evidence of student learning to guide teaching and respond to student needs.
- **Active Engagement** where every student is thinking, talking, working with others, and taking an active role in learning.
- **Research-Based Strategies** that use proven teaching practices to help students succeed.
- **Access for Every Learner** by keeping high expectations while giving every student the support they need to be successful.

These five components will become our shared approach to teaching, learning, coaching, and continuous improvement throughout our district.

Supporting this work also means supporting our teachers. This year, we will provide ongoing professional development that helps teachers strengthen their instructional skills and grow in their practice. We will provide

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clear expectations, meaningful coaching, and opportunities to learn from one another. Our goal is not simply to improve instruction. Our goal is to help every teacher continue growing so every student benefits.

As Superintendent, my commitment remains the same. I will continue to serve by supporting our teachers, principals, classified staff, and administrators so they have the tools, training, and encouragement they need to help every student succeed. When we invest in our staff, we invest in our students.

Our district's vision, "Honoring the past as we prepare our students for the future," continues to guide our work. We value the rich history and culture of our community while preparing students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need for the future.

The work ahead will take dedication, teamwork, and a clear focus on what matters most. I know our students, families, staff, and community are ready for the challenge. Together, we will continue building schools where every student feels valued, every employee continues to grow, and every classroom reflects our commitment to excellence.

As we move through this school year, I hope we all keep one simple thought in mind:

The Kids are Waiting.

They are waiting for us to give our best every day. Together, we will make this a year of growth, learning, and opportunity for every student.

With gratitude,

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