

**School News -- Superintendent's Issue
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The Ocean View School District continues to strengthen its credibility and stability on behalf of families, students, employees, and the surrounding community, while focusing its attention on achievement for all students. We have outlined this in our Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), in our long-term strategic plan, and in our daily activities, whether we are in the classrooms or at the District level. This is our goal. My intention, as we head into the 2017-2018 school year and my third year as Superintendent, is to remain focused on student success and be transparent in our ongoing communications.

The school year has provided new insights, new programs for students and employees, and many positive achievements. We have so much of which to be proud! I have marveled as students demonstrated their intellectual, artistic, humanitarian, and athletic capabilities through local and regional competitions in history, robotics, science, visual and performing arts, oratory, pine derby, athletics, and more. I congratulate the many employees who are continually making a difference—including, but certainly not limited to, Teachers of the Year Vincent Saporito and Jared de Lachica; Classified Employees of the Year Tannya Ghiotto, Eric Taylor, Susan Burdette, Clare Shweyk, Shelly Fernandez, and Alicia Helm; Outstanding Educator in Visual Arts recipient Andrew Estrada; English Learner Award winners Lisa Wilson and Lilia Bernardo; Huntington Beach Youth Shelter Distinguished Partner Award winner William Lynch; and many more. We also share our gratitude with those employees who retired from OVSD this year.

Looking to the future, OVSD welcomes the new Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Academy at Westmont, a textbook adoption with new English Language Arts instructional materials at all schools, new professional development opportunities for our staff, the construction of the Oak View Gym/Multipurpose Room, the continued growth of our preschool and extended learning programs, additional steps toward finalizing our Measure R bond project priorities, and the creation of safe interim housing plans for our students during this exciting and productive construction and modernization phase.

Let us celebrate and continue to strengthen the proud foundation we have established in OVSD!