

## **Superintendent's Monthly Message**

**July 2013**

It is with great excitement, honor, and humility that I begin what I hope will be a very long and very fruitful tenure as your Superintendent. I feel truly fortunate to be joining a district and community where children are the common bond and where a passion for educating the whole child is embraced by all. I look forward to meeting you and working together to provide our students with an exceptional educational experience and to making Vineland School District a premier district in California.

I know that transitions can be challenging and uncomfortable. Transitions also can be exciting opportunities for growth and new beginnings. I am very proud of the district for the work that has been done. As your superintendent you can expect me to lead ethically, and with integrity and transparency. I believe the superintendent should be visible and involved, and I will work hard for the betterment of the district and the community and students we serve. In the coming weeks and months, I will be getting out to the schools, offices, and facilities to meet with you and hear your thoughts. I can't wait to get to know more about each one of you and I look forward to learning from all of you. Over our years together, we will learn how to improve opportunities and outcomes for all students and our community. We will look at our results, study our policies and programs and then determine how to make this great district even better so that every student achieves at the highest level and every parent is proud to say that their child attended our schools.

The transition activities outlined in my 90-day entry plan are designed to enable me to quickly and effectively listen to and learn from a wide range of people involved directly and indirectly with educating, supporting, and raising our students.

In closing, let me once again offer my thanks for the support I have received and invite the entire Vineland community to become an active partner in the education of our students.