

Welcome Back!

As the colors begin changing, the fall beauty marks the finality of summer and the on set of our routines during the school day. I want to keep fresh the opening day remarks from Mr. Tom Kelly, as he shared the vision of the United States Ski and Snowboard Association to have the best athletes in the world. He shared how the members of the association reached their goal. They continually embraced celebration, perseverance and teamwork with equal importance from the accountant crunching numbers to the coach having the responsibility and success of our USSA Olympians.

In staying in sync with the USSA traits, Park City School District is one of the best districts in the state and I know we can become the best in the nation as we embrace the same characteristics of celebrating success (however small or big), persevering through times of frustration and disappointments, and creating an education system as a team. Granted, our teachers, school support staff and principals are those most directly connected to the students, but responsibilities lie with each and every one of us to create and support a dynamic, culturally-responsive, safe, comprehensive, engaging, high-quality educational system that prepares students for their future. From the bus driver who greets our students first thing in the morning, to the food service staff who provides meals to our students, it takes each and everyone dedicated to educate our students in Park City School District. It is a team effort between the students, staff, parents and community.

It is worth noting that the sense of urgency felt throughout the school system to provide the learning opportunities to

foster the learning and success of our students. We are recognized continually for our excellent education in Park City School District. Some of the statistics include a 98% graduation rate (only 2% of high schools in the nation have a similar rate), recognized as the top AP high school in the state for two years, and the two top AP students in the state this year. We have students attending Harvard, Stanford, and multiple other universities. Our students have repeatedly shared that they were academically prepared for the colleges they are attending.

These are just a few of the statistics that illustrate the dedication within our district, from the preschool program to the senior AP teachers, we have worked tirelessly to provide a high quality education to our students. We also know that we have room to continually improve. Our demographics have shifted and we have a population of students that we must foster and grow to reach levels of proficiency in language and math. We must remain steadfast and focused on all students learning; and learning at high levels by bringing the three big ideas to life:1. A Focus on Learning2. A Culture of Collaboration3. A Focus on Results

As we welcomed our new kindergartners—the class of 2027!—as well as incoming seniors—the class of 2015—and all students in between, every day provides us the opportunity to help them learn and grow, each in their own way, on their path to becoming successful, educated young adults. Embrace our success and celebrate! Persevere during times of frustration and disappointments. Work as a team to provide support, as we become the best school district in the nation.

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