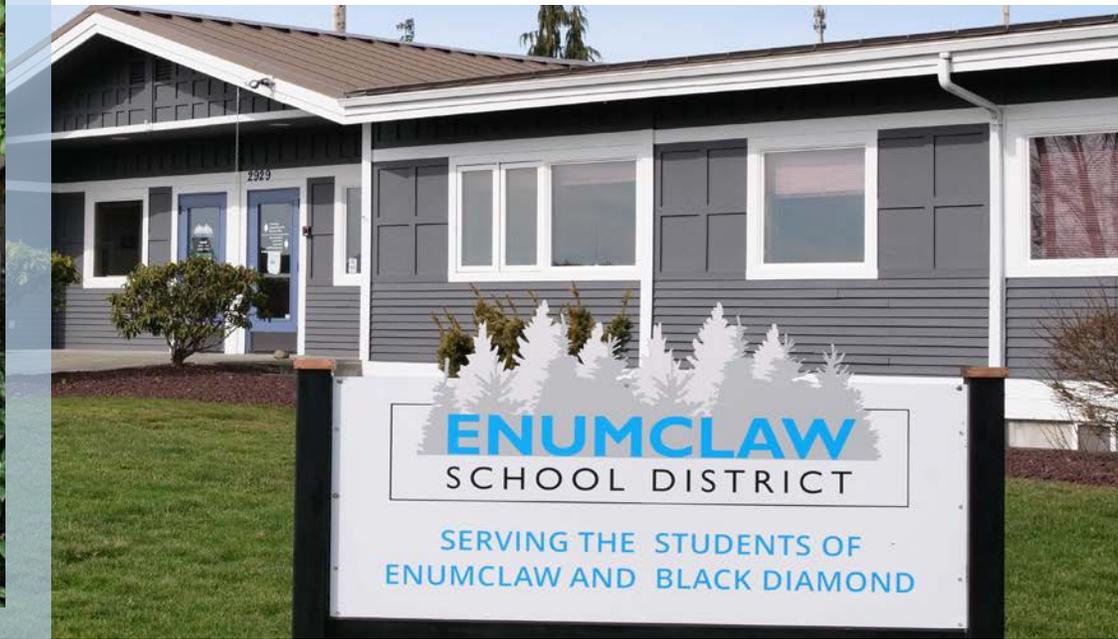


# A letter from DR. CAREY

JUNE 4, 2021



Dear ESD Families,

Thinking back to my days in the classroom, so many “moons” ago, I remember thinking that these last days of the school year meant that I was running out of time with my students. I won’t pretend that I wasn’t ready for a little break from the hustle and bustle of each day of school, but I wasn’t quite ready to say “goodbye” to my newly formed family who I had just spent the past 10 months getting to truly know.

They were my students, and I knew things about them that only someone who had spent meaningful time with them could know. The superficial: pets names, on again off again best friends, favorite foods, and so on. And also those things that made them special to me: the first time they gave a speech that made them proud of themselves, their favorite book character, that time when they didn’t try as hard as we both knew they could and we both were disappointed, and when they needed my support.

My days of telling stories that drew them in, some stories true, others not so true, leaving them eager to hear the ending before the bell rang, all coming to an end. The solace I took was knowing I would likely see them sometime the following year, grown up slightly, looking and sounding different than I remembered, with that “hint” of the kid I once knew so well still somewhat visible.

The point is, in the moment and especially the difficult moments, time seems to go by so slowly. But then in a blink of an eye, their time with us is over, and now the rest of the world becomes their classroom. I understand the excitement for Summer, just know our staff members are cherishing each moment leading up to the last day of school.

Shaun V. Carey

*Please note the date for the next regularly scheduled board meeting was previously listed incorrectly on our website. It has been changed to reflect the correct date. The next regular board meeting will take place on June 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm. For more information regarding location and pre-registration visit our website.*