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Dear Fresno Unified Family,

I am so excited to introduce myself as your new Interim Superintendent! Serving in the role since May, I want to share my passion for our district and the goals I believe will guide us to success.

I am committed to focusing down to our two highest priority goals: improving student outcomes and achieving operational excellence. While we do so many amazing things as a system, I know that by focusing on our teaching and learning as well as our customer service that we have the potential to skyrocket our growth. Here's how focusing on these priorities will help us make a bigger impact:

1. Improving Student Outcomes

Our students are at the heart of everything we do. By improving student outcomes, we make sure every child gets the best education possible. This means making our curriculum better, providing more support services, and ensuring all students, no matter their background, have what they need to succeed.

2. Achieving Operational Excellence

Operational excellence supports our educational mission. By optimizing our operations and improving our customer service, we create an environment where teachers can teach effectively, and students can learn efficiently. This includes managing our resources wisely, investing in our staff's professional growth, and building stronger partnerships with families and the community.

When we focus on these two priorities, we harness the energy of more than 10,000 staff members and the parents of over 70,000 students towards what matters most. Together, we can create meaningful change and make a lasting impact.

I have already been hard at work spending my first two months hosting small listening sessions with students, alumni, parents, staff, leaders, and community members. I have taken a deep dive on our data and just yesterday returned from Harvard's Public Education Leadership Project where a team and I worked out metrics and monitoring to implement our student achievement goal.

This is the first of several back-to-school messages you can expect from me and look forward to working with each of you on these goals as we return for the 2024/2025 school year. While I hope you are all enjoying your summer break, know that I cannot wait to see your beautiful faces for the upcoming school year!

Warm regards,

Misty Her
Interim Superintendent
Fresno Unified School District