

Greetings,

Labor Day and the start of a new school year is upon us and I want to take a moment to again recognize and thank each and every one of you for your dedication and hard work. It really was great to see everyone back for Superintendent's Conference Day looking energized and ready for the year. Besides being the ceremonial last weekend of the summer, Labor Day is a recognition of the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements in the United States. On a local level, it really is a celebration of the efforts we put into making our community, and particularly our schools, a place of growth, learning, and support for all. More than that, I want to re-emphasize that there needs to also be some level of dedication and hard work put into taking care of ourselves.

This upcoming school year holds tremendous promise. With high expectations, we are ready to embrace new challenges, support our students and colleagues, and work together to create an environment where everyone can thrive. The commitment you bring to your roles—whether in the classroom, behind the scenes, or in administrative offices—is what makes our district a special place. Let this year be more than just Clipper PRIDE, but Clipper compassion as we continue to strive to achieve our very best. Each year we get a reset and an opportunity to make it our best year yet.

As we step into this new year, let's do so with optimism and determination. Let's ensure that we continue to foster an environment rooted in collaboration, kindness, and a shared commitment to excellence. I love the summer. I really do. I also love the fall and feel inspired and excited to see our schools bustling with students and staff. It's gonna be awesome.

Best wishes for a fantastic weekend! Thank you for all that you do. I feel honored and humbled serving this community as its superintendent of schools. Let's make this a fantastic year for South Country!

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