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OJUSD Families,

It is with enthusiasm and great anticipation that I welcome our families to the 2025-26 school year!

First, I hope that everyone can take a moment to acknowledge and appreciate the achievements and success that were realized by our students and staff in the 2024-25 school year. A list of our most notable achievements is published right before school starts in the Oakdale Leader, and is posted on our OJUSD website (<https://www.ojUSD.org/district/achievements>). Our commitment to excellence stands strong as OJUSD continues to be the highest achieving school district in the county at all levels.

Second, I want to express my most sincere appreciation to a community that demonstrates an unparalleled commitment and devotion to providing a quality education to the children of OJUSD. In November of 2024, Oakdale voters approved Measure G, a General Obligation Bond which will modernize and rehabilitate the schools that have served many generations of Oakdale children. Our community acknowledged that Magnolia Elementary at 85 years old, Oakdale High at 76 years old, Cloverland Elementary at 72 years old, and our other schools have reached a critical point of age and functionality. Construction to replace failing portable classrooms and repurpose inadequate facilities, replace failing infrastructure, and modernize learning spaces will begin in 2026. This commitment by Oakdale residents and businesses is the foundation that makes Oakdale such a special and successful community that continues to grow and flourish. So many of us are products of this school district and have always benefitted from the incredible generosity of our community. It is why all of us in Oakdale have that Mustang Pride which we harness to instill those same hard-working values in the children we serve.

It is difficult to adequately express gratitude for the supportive community we have. However, I can assure the community's commitment will be honored by the district's commitment to continue the success that has earned OJUSD's place as the highest achieving district in the county.

Respectfully,

Larry Mendonca
Superintendent, OJUSD