

SUPERINTENDENT'S

# HOPE NOTE



## New Year – Same Commitment!

As we welcome 2026, our mission and focus remain clear: **improving academic performance for every learner**. Entering the second half of the school year, we recognize that the months ahead are critical to demonstrating the rigor and instructional practices we have invested in all year.

Thank you to our **teaching and support staff** for showing up every day for all learners, those needing additional support and those seeking enrichment, and for living our mission of the success of every student through **data-driven instruction, MTSS, PBIS, support services, gifted education, AP offerings**, and more.

Let's stay the course and finish the second half of the year **strong and focused!**

## Revisiting STSD Foundation for Innovation

We are committed to fostering each of these **conditions** across the district as we progress in our learner-centered journey. Please let us know if any of these conditions are not being met in your building or department. Our work on behalf of learners is only as strong as the conditions we cultivate within the district.

### Conviction

A deep and sustaining belief in the importance and potential of the work being undertaken that fuels engagement and ensures it is prioritized.

### Clarity

A comprehensive and crisp understanding of the work ahead that provides direction and a path forward.

### Capacity

Personnel, funding, and time are required to successfully carry out the work.

### Coalition

The investment of a committed group of stakeholders who are helping the work become a sustained success.

### Culture

Values, norms, and practices that support innovation, learning, and effective, sustainable, equitable practices.

Click to view the full [Strategic Plan](#) and visit our website at [www.hannasd.org](http://www.hannasd.org)

Read [Transcend Education's full Conditions for Innovation](#) document

## The Oslwen C. Anderson, Jr. Center- Coming Fall of 2026



We are excited to open our newest location, the Anderson Center (OAC), this fall to welcome learners in grades 5–6. This milestone represents an important step forward for our district and an exciting new chapter for our school community.

To ensure a successful opening, our team continues to meet weekly with the architect and construction team to closely monitor progress and keep the project on track. In addition, we meet bi-weekly as an internal team to ensure that curriculum, instructional materials, furniture, staffing, and transition timelines remain aligned and on schedule.

As the project nears completion this spring, we will offer building tours for staff, including a sample classroom setup so teachers can see the layout and instructional design firsthand. Parents and members of the community will also be invited to tour the facility before we officially welcome staff and learners in the fall.

In the coming weeks, Mr. Evans, Building Principal, will begin convening staff assigned to the Anderson Center to build community and work through logistics such as schedules, daily operations, and building-specific routines. This early collaboration will help ensure a smooth and well-supported transition for everyone involved.

Please continue to ask questions and share feedback. This is the first time in nearly 60 years that the district has opened a new location, and we recognize that we are all navigating new territory together. We appreciate your partnership and patience and are confident that, by extending grace to ourselves and one another, we will arrive at a successful and exciting opening for our staff, learners, and community.

### Piece of the Puzzle

This month, we celebrate 2 team members for their positive contributions to our district:  
**Lance Deane** and **Lauren Edelson**



**Lance Deane,**  
Athletic Director

Lance Deane brings a wealth of experience and wisdom beyond his years, while remaining eager to ask questions and learn. Professional and consistently going the extra mile, he has elevated our program through strong newsletters and social media that build visibility and community among our families. We appreciate him!

**Lauren Edelson,**  
Human Resources & Benefits Manager

Lauren exemplifies kindness, professionalism, and responsiveness. During a recent health challenge, her clear, timely, and easy-to-understand guidance was greatly appreciated. Her knowledge and compassion made a meaningful difference. We are grateful for the support she provides each day!