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As we close the 2025-2026 school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together and express my heartfelt gratitude to our students, families, staff, and community partners for making this year one of growth, resilience, and opportunity.

This school year brought both successes and challenges. Throughout periods of change and transition, our Norwalk-La Mirada Unified community remained focused on what matters most: ensuring every student has the support, resources, and opportunities they need to succeed. I am proud of the grace, professionalism, and collaboration demonstrated across our District as we continued moving forward together.

There is much to celebrate.

This year, our District earned a California Golden Bell Award for our Comprehensive Counseling Program, recognizing the outstanding work being done to support the academic, social-emotional, and future-readiness needs of our students.

Three of our schools were named California Distinguished Schools, and all five of our middle schools earned recognition as California Schools to Watch, an achievement that reflects our commitment to excellence at every level. In addition, a record 15 schools received California PBIS honors, while eight schools were recognized by U.S. News & World Report among the best schools in California.

We also celebrated the remarkable achievements of the Class of 2026, whose college acceptances included prestigious institutions such as Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, UCLA, UC Berkeley, Pepperdine, Chapman University, UC Santa Barbara, Loyola Marymount University, and many others. Their success is a testament to years of hard work, support from their families, and the dedication of our educators.

Beyond academics, we expanded opportunities for students through enhanced Extended Learning Opportunities Programs (ELOP) across 21 school sites, strengthened relationships with families and community members through advisory councils and partnerships, launched a districtwide summer literacy initiative for students of all grade levels, and continued to enhance safety protocols and training to help ensure our schools remain safe and welcoming places to learn.

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While we celebrate these accomplishments, we also recognize that our work continues. Together, we are building a stronger future by investing in student achievement, supporting the whole child, fostering meaningful partnerships, and creating pathways that prepare every student for success beyond graduation.

To our families, thank you for your continued trust, support, and partnership. The success of our students is only possible because of the important role you play each day as their first and most influential teachers. We are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you.

As summer begins, I encourage our students and families to take time to rest, recharge, read, explore, and enjoy meaningful moments together. We look forward to welcoming you back in the fall and continuing the important work ahead.

The past year has reminded us that challenges are a natural part of any journey. Storms may come and go, and there will always be obstacles to overcome. But through it all, our community has shown that when we face challenges together, we emerge stronger than before. No matter the season, the sun will always shine and the future ahead for Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District is bright.

On behalf of our Board of Education and the entire NLMUSD team, thank you for a wonderful school year. Have a safe, restful, and joyful summer.

Sincerely,

Tania Magaña
Superintendent