

Superintendent's Snapshot

MARICOPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 31, 2026

WELCOME BACK, MUSD

Dear MUSD Parents,

This week, our classrooms came to life as students returned for the first day of school. Tiny hands traced their names for the first time. Just a few campuses away, seniors began their last first day. Every classroom looked different, but each one was filled with new possibilities.

While the first week of school marks a new beginning for students, it also reflects the work that begins long before the first bell rings. This summer, **Maricopa Unified School District earned Cognia Accreditation**, an achievement that reflects our commitment to continuous improvement. It's one more reason to be excited about the year ahead.

Every new school year is an opportunity to see that commitment in action. I hope you'll enjoy our [2026 First Day of School video](#), which captures the moments that welcomed students back to our campuses and the beginning of another year of learning.

Thank you for choosing MUSD.

Onward!



Dr. Tracey Lopeman, Superintendent
Maricopa Unified School District