



Palo Verde High School

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Dear Palo Verde Community,

I would like to welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year. As always, this is an exciting time of year, and this year in particular is even more so. As some of you may know, last year was my first year at Palo Verde High School and we spent the year planning for many changes that will take us to the next level. The changes that you will see this year will bring more opportunities than ever for our students.

As I have stated in prior communication, I am committed to Palo Verde becoming a Five-Star school and we are well on our way. We saw our graduation rate soar from a solid 82.1% in 2014, to 86.35% in 2015. We sent many students to the finest universities this country has to offer. This year we are looking forward to even more success due to opportunities such as the International Baccalaureate programme (IB), an increase in Career and Tech classes, an eight-period block schedule, and supporting fundamentals classes. In addition, you will see a greater focus toward inclusive practices with additional support for some of our struggling students.

From an extra-curricular standpoint, Palo Verde increased its participation in clubs and activities. Our performing arts programs all scored superior ratings at the CCSD festivals. Our Athletic teams earned a staggering seven state titles to lead the entire state of Nevada, with many other teams earning play-off berths.

As I have said before, I believe that running a successful school takes a community. I look forward to another collaborative successful 2015-2016 school year. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Darren Sweikert
Principal