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Dear Upland Unified School District Families and Students,

What an honor it is to welcome you to the 2020-2021 academic year. As your new superintendent of schools, I have been overwhelmed by the incredible support of this wonderful community during these most unusual times. On behalf of our dedicated Board, teachers and staff, I want you to know how much we are looking forward to our August 26 th start date.

This year will begin under a full distance-learning model with several enhancements from the spring to better ensure all students have access to the highest-quality educational experience possible. In recent weeks, we have shared details with you on how we plan to implement rigorous instruction that both challenges and supports students to have the best opportunity to succeed. Many of you have participated in our virtual community meetings and provided us valuable input on how we can make this upcoming school year a success. The private emails and phone calls I've received have only reinforced how fortunate we are to serve as your school district.

Serving as your school district is a role, and responsibility, we are very passionate about. From our pre-K programs on up through our two high schools, I could not imagine working alongside a more dedicated, compassionate team of teachers, support staff and administrators. I thank them, and I thank you, for creating an environment in which every student has an opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

Some of our great accomplishments can be measured quantitatively. For example, the percentage of Upland High School students successfully completing A-G coursework required for admission into the University of California and California State University systems has nearly doubled in the past seven years to 62% – one of the fastest rates of growth in the state. The expansion of STEM learning, AVID, Career and Technical Education offerings, and our districtwide wellness initiative are other tangible examples of Upland Unified's commitment to the academic, social, emotional and world-readiness of all students. I am proud to be part of such a great school district, and look forward to getting to know you as the school year progresses.

In the meantime, your school principal will be reaching out to you with details on our virtual back-to-school night where you will learn more about the technology and instructional plans for the start of school. Please check our website, as well, for any updates.

Again, I thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the privilege of serving as your superintendent.

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