

## R U S D U P D A T E



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## Superintendent Stock's Special Moments of the School Year

As I reflect on the whirlwind of the 2018-19 school year, several pivotal moments quickly come to mind. These are the moments that will create not only lasting memories, but an enduring legacy within the Rocklin Unified School District. Since this last school year has reminded me how quickly time can pass, I should probably get right into it:

Our Unified Sports teams inspired social inclusion of all students and children through shared sports training and competition experiences, joining people with and without intellectual/physical disabilities on the same team. Rocklin City Council even celebrated this and all our Special Education families at a recent meeting.



February's successful TK/K Round UP helped us meet and welcome the families of the class of 2027. While it's a treat to greet our newest students, it's bittersweet to bid farewell to our graduating classes. (Our newsletter deadline came before I will attend the

Rocklin, Victory, Whitney High School, and Rocklin Independent Charter Academy graduation ceremonies but I expect them to be as inspiring as they have been for the past 5 years I've attended. Our RUSD 18-22 Adult Transition graduation is also quite the milestone to witness as these students age out of special education and look upon the brightness of their future.

The District was very pleased to reach an agreement with Rocklin Teachers Professional Association, empowering us to move forward in a new way as a team. Standing side by side, I'm looking forward to new beginnings and a renewal of our joint commitment to our students.

In April, I was blown away by 250 of our middle and high school choral students performing a Swahili song "We are One." This message truly hit home for me as I think of our District uniting as one for our students. The 250 student voices singing as one have inspired and humbled me, to say the least.

Lastly, many moments with my own family have reminded me of the power of education. My daughter Emily is a student at Cal Poly, aspiring to become a teacher herself while



my wife Laura dedicates herself to her own classroom and students each day. I even catch my 3rd grader Madeleine listening to the conversations between Laura and Emily, perhaps dreaming of becoming an educator some day too. Spending time with my family is as an amazing opportunity to witness the development of a future teacher, the passion of a current teacher and the excitement of a young student with dreams that are just beginning.

While each day is an opportunity to create memories, there are some that impact us more than others, leaving an indelible mark on our hearts. Thank you to the students, their families, teachers, staff and community who help to make each school year at Rocklin Unified so special.

I'd love to hear from you! What was your favorite moment of the last year?