

## A Message from the Superintendent

The changing landscape of education dominates much of the discussion in the media, in politics, and at the family dinner table - from globalization to digitalization, from higher standards to even higher-stakes testing, and from a focus on students to a focus on curriculum, the rapid pace of change is ubiquitous throughout the microcosm of education.

Yet, while Region 6 is not immune from social and political dynamics, I am proud to say that Region 6 continues to focus on the individual needs of its students and the values of its communities.

To ensure that Region 6 stays focused on its priorities, the district has worked diligently to develop a five-year plan that identifies four areas of greatest importance for the success of students.

Chief among the goals is a deep and meaningful commitment to student growth and achievement. We believe that a student's ability to succeed in all subject areas is predicated on his or her ability to read and write effectively.

Next, Region 6 believes in the correlation between effective teaching and student achievement. Therefore, the second goal of the district is to support its teachers in their ongoing growth and development through meaningful feedback and relevant training.

Then, our third goal is to effectively monitor student progress throughout the year and adjust classroom instruction to meet the diverse learning needs of our students. We do not believe that any one test or measurement is indicative of student learning; we rely instead on multiple measures of assessment to enable us to understand students as individual learners and not merely "good test takers".

Finally, the fourth goal is to develop a "Blueprint to the Future", a comprehensive study of what parents and the community want for their schools as we progress through the 21st Century.

Although a recent survey showed that 91 percent of community members rated Region 6 schools at or above average, and 68 percent rated them above average or exceptional, we will always strive to improve.

Region 6 students have a unique and meaningful educational experience in a safe, secure, and nurturing environment. We relish being a "hidden gem" of educational excellence and I sincerely appreciate the support the schools receive from our communities.