



ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Members of the Board of Education:

After 40 years in education—the last six with Orange Unified—I am announcing my retirement effective June 30, 2008. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have served as Superintendent of the Orange Unified School District and to have worked with the talented, dedicated, and wonderful people who are the District. The Board of Education is visionary, the staff is of the highest quality, and the parents and the community are very supportive. A superintendent could not ask for more.

It has been exciting and rewarding to have been given the opportunity to share in the positive changes, improvements, and achievements that we have accomplished. Student learning has continued to increase at all levels as evidenced by improved test scores; educational options for students have been expanded; facilities are safe, secure, and clean; the budget is balanced; the District is financially solvent; a three-year strategic plan is operational; compensation for staff has improved; and partnerships with local businesses are being implemented. The culture of the District is caring, collaborative, and cooperative as stated in the Core Values. The teaching and support staff are committed to excellence and their focus is on student learning; the students are motivated and performing at a high level; and the Board of Education continues to provide outstanding leadership and governance.

The decision that I have reached to retire has not come easy. However, I am confident that the Orange Unified School District will continue to build upon what has been accomplished in the past few years. I cherish the relationships that have been afforded me and the friends that I have made as Superintendent of the District. It truly has been a personal blessing to have been a part of this great District and the Orange family.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Godley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Staff
Parents
Community Members