

- Trisha Dellis, Acting Superintendent

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Hello, my name is Trisha Dellis, and I am the acting superintendent of the Carmel Unified School District.

In this capacity I will help facilitate our staff's effort to move our District forward in these unprecedented times.

I understand these last 12 weeks have been challenging.

Parents have turned into teachers, teachers have morphed into a new way of teaching and students have been left with a new way of learning...

There is no denying that we have all experienced challenges during this time, and I would like to acknowledge that we are working together to bring the best Learning experiences and leverage the best practices from these past 12 weeks to our students for next year and beyond.

Please know our entire team is working diligently to ensure that Carmel Unified remains the most irresistible educational option . Our faculty is second to none.

Their level of expertise and their kind and caring hearts make them uniquely qualified to teach.

Our amazing support staff: from classroom aides to facilities to transportation to technology to office personnel, are committed to our goal.

All high functioning school districts depend on support from the greater community and open, transparent dialogue with parents.

I appreciate the conversations I've had with many of you. I am working on a more effective, efficient model for us to communicate.

I plan to engage at a deeper level with parents, and community members.

I'm a firm believer in transparency and a high level of communication and engagement so I look forward to Sharing some ideas with you all soon.

Our biggest challenge presently is developing a reopening plan for the Fall 20-21 school year.

We are working closely with the Monterey County medical director and Monterey County Office of Education to determine what that might look like.

As you know there are still so many unanswered questions regarding the virus and we will need to remain agile and flexible.

No district in the state has landed on a solid plan as of yet. Much speculation remains as to the requirements the state will ultimately have for us and most are developing ideas around three possibilities:

School as Usual, Distance Learning, and a plan that would involve us to create smaller groups of students on campuses.

As we collaborate with our classroom experts and consider feedback from our parents who now more than ever are our teaching partners, we will provide high quality professional development opportunities this summer for our teachers.

Our teachers have been amazing in this crisis and are committed to look at best practices as we move forward as most likely some degree of Distance Learning will be needed.

In closing, I understand that these are hard times, but I am excited and hopeful for the future of CUSD!

We are strong and we are a family. I am thankful for this opportunity and honored to be a part of this community. I am up for the challenge and look forward to working with you all.