

# COTTONWOOD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Good Morning Cottonwood Community,

First and foremost I would like to thank you for your continued support for the Cottonwood Union School District. Although I have only been superintendent for about six months now; the treasured history of our community, the quality of caring individuals and the desire to move forward is encouraging as we look toward the future to build the first class education system our students deserve. As a member of our community I would like to reach out to you for your ideas and support in the continued development of our Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP). This new standard in developing a strategic school plan in California education is vital to ensure we direct our resources according to local needs. The LCAP process began last year for all California schools including the Cottonwood Union School District; however, continual course correction and revision will be needed to keep our plan a meaningful tool to meet the needs of all students.

I would like to personally invite you to our mid-year study session on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at North Cottonwood School**. This is an active strategic planning meeting (replaces traditional January board meeting) designed to review and revise our LCAP by suggesting strategies to accomplish goals. The evening will begin in the multi-purpose room at **6:00** with some light refreshments and fellowship with the meeting starting promptly at **6:30** with four smaller priority breakout groups at **7:00** and back to recap in the multi-purpose room at 8:00 and be wrapped up at **8:30**. Once again, this is an opportunity for you as a Cottonwood community member to provide input for your school district. I would like to thank you in advance for considering being part of revitalizing our school district.

In addition to the LCAP mid-year study session there will be addition advisory group meetings for the LCAP. These meetings are as follows:

English Language Learners Advisory Meeting

Foster Parent Advisory Meeting

The dates, times and locations for the advisory meetings will be available on our website soon.

For those of you who have a passion to get more involved and revive our school district there are various committees and team meetings that will support our plans. These committees and teams are as follows:

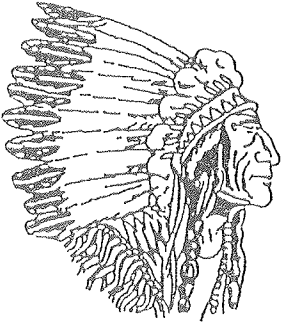
Th 1/8 2:35 -4:00 VAPA Planning Team  
bring back more music and the arts

Begin the conversation with us to

T 2/3 2:35 -4:00 Parent Education/Involvement Group  
parent involvement including parent education nights

LCAP Goal development to encourage

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Th 2/5 2:35 -4:00 Summer Learning Experience Team LCAP Goal Development to develop a summer learning program

TBA Technology Plan Team We will work with Tony Baldwin, Director of Technology, AUHS to develop a three-year plan for technology.

TBA Futures Committee This team will explore out limitless possibilities.

All meetings will take place at the DO unless otherwise noted.

In addition, we will be creating a long range facilities and maintenance plan in the near future.

Please consider attending the LCAP mid-year study session, advisory, committee or team meetings. Your involvement is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP if you plan to attend any of these events to Jackie McCarty, our administrative assistant [jmccarty@cwusd.com](mailto:jmccarty@cwusd.com).

I look forward to working alongside you as dream and build together.  
Thank you,

*David*

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