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As the 2017-18 school year begins, all of us at Rio Rancho Public Schools are looking forward to welcoming our students back for another year of teaching and learning. We are proud to be part of this community and fortunate that so many families choose to live here in order to send their children to school in Rio Rancho.

Great schools don't just happen. They are the product of great teachers and staff, great families, and a great community. In Rio Rancho, we are blessed to have all three. Our parents and students, businesses and community leaders, government officials and citizens have created a community that recognizes the importance of a strong educational system, from pre-kindergarten through college, with the goal of helping every child reach his or her full potential.

In a time when division and conflict seem to be the norm, local political leaders often join forces for the benefit of Rio Rancho's schools. Our civic leaders with the City of Rio Rancho, Sandoval County, the Rio Rancho Regional Chamber, the Sandoval Economic Alliance, NAIOP, and others invite RRPS to the table so we can work together to improve our schools and community. School and district leaders meet regularly with local clergy and lay members of the faith community to identify and meet the many needs of our most vulnerable children. Donations from generous local businesses support teachers and school activities. Rio Rancho voters' support in bond and school tax elections has been crucial and is much appreciated. It assures our students and teachers have clean, functional facilities so they can focus their attention on learning, and it shows in our educational results.

Just 20 years ago, at the beginning of the district's fourth year of operations, Rio Rancho High opened its doors for the first time. Its creation is a great example of the community partnerships which pull together local government, the business community, and the school district on behalf of our children. We are gratified that so many of RRPS's more than 10,000 graduates have gone on to success in college, careers, and serving our country in the armed forces. Many have chosen to remain in Rio Rancho as productive adults, and their children are second-generation Rio Rancho students. We especially appreciate our graduates who came back to the school district as teachers and in support roles.

Our schools are not perfect and there is much we can still do to improve. We live in challenging and exciting times, but we know that with your support we can together continue to ignite student potential.

If you're new to the district, welcome, and if your students are returning to our schools, welcome back. We wish you a safe, productive, and successful school year.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'V. Sue Cleveland'.

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Superintendent of Schools