



June 12, 2023

Interim Superintendent's End-of-Year Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, Students and Community Members,

As we end the school year, I write to thank you for a wonderful year. Last week, as communities, we bid farewell to the graduating classes of 2023 at Olympic High School, Malibu High School and Santa Monica High School. I also had the pleasure of attending elementary and middle school promotion ceremonies. Though I did not make it to every school, the ceremonies I did attend were joyous celebrations of the school year and expressions of gratitude to teachers, support staff, parents and communities. I noticed most how much our students sincerely celebrated each other and appreciated their school year.

I humbly thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Interim Superintendent. I hope that I served our schools and communities well. I shared in January that I was confident that our teachers, support staff and administrations would continue to engage in the professional practices and professional learning described in each school's plan for strengthening student achievement and addressing achievement and opportunity gaps. Our schools and departments are led by excellent leaders who continued to lead their schools well during this time of transition. The good work in our schools continues and will continue in the next school year.

On July 1, we welcome Dr. Antonio Shelton as the District's next Superintendent. The Board of Education has selected an outstanding leader and I look forward to supporting him during his transition and toward years of successful stewardship of the District. I look forward to continuing my work with SMMUSD under Dr. Shelton's leadership.

To our recent high school graduates, please read our [congratulatory message](#) and enjoy a short [congratulatory video from our school board](https://bit.ly/SMMUSDboardGradVideo2023) (<https://bit.ly/SMMUSDboardGradVideo2023>)

To all I wish you a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
Mark O. Kelly, Ed.D.