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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

by Bryan Dooley

Welcome back! Simple words and yet so powerful. In 2008 our message was, you can define Region 9 as “A Place of Potential”. So here we are 13 years later, the 4th largest employer in Lincoln County, with more programs, services, and grants administered than ever before. Yes, Region 9 is, “A Place of Potential”.

As we Start the 2021-2022 school year we are excited to be back and doing the things Region 9 does best, like following our Mission Statement - Educating - Supporting - Serving. I recently had the pleasure of visiting some Region 9 staff and shared with them an important aspect of being a Region 9 employee. That is one of leadership. Everyone that works at Region 9, is a leader to someone.

Whether you work in a classroom, with teachers or students, support fiscal processes, or you make sure technology is working appropriately, there is someone watching you. Please take time to reflect on the personal impact you have as a Region 9 employee and use these guidelines to frame your day. Set high standards for yourself and those around you. Remember you each bring strong professional knowledge and skills to your position. Your work also includes being a role model, whether it is for a child, student, or an adult. No matter your job title, your “someone is counting on you! Let’s commit to being there.

We also begin August with a continuation of our daily COVID screening requirement and we also implement on 8/5/2021 a Region 9 Mask Mandate. If you are in a Region 9 office building, please wear your mask. You may remove it if working at your desk and are 6 feet from others. Please follow the Public Education Health Order in place at the time while you are in a member district school building.

Let’s all have a successful, productive year.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

by Dahn Freed, Deputy Director

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year! While many of us have been in the office during the month of July, several of you have had the opportunity to take some much needed time off. While it is but a few short weeks, the summer break always brings a number of changes to our organization and member school districts.

In our member districts, we want to welcome Cody Patterson as the new superintendent of Carrizozo Schools and Eli Barela as the incoming principal.

Cloudcroft Elementary is very excited to bring back one of their own as principal. Ms. Robyn Cook will return to Cloudcroft Elementary and Middle School. We are sad to see Robyn leave Region 9. She has brought so many valuable gifts to our organization including leadership, mentorship, and friendship. It is reassuring to know that we will still get to work with her on a daily basis. She is a principal at heart and Cloudcroft is fortunate to have her back in the fold.

Mr. Todd Lindsay will be replacing Ms. Brenda Vigil as Superintendent in Tularosa. We will miss Ms. Vigil as our outgoing Coordinating Council Co-chair. She has been a friend and advocate for Region 9 for many years. We look forward to continuing the opportunity to work with Mr. Lindsay. Additionally, he has hired Shelly Montoya, the Capitan High School principal, to come be his associate superintendent. Other new administrators in Tularosa include Johnny Cotton, THS principal; Jody Hill, THS Asst Principal; Jennifer Lockner, TES principal, and Pat Ward, AD. Those are but just a few of the changes in staffing at our schools. Region 9 is welcoming several new members to our team as well as saying good bye to others. Keep an eye out for all new staff in our newsletter!

One important note as you walk into the R9 offices, you will see a new face. Please say hello to Cindy Gomez who will be our new administrative and HR assistant.

As always, knowing we are still under an ever changing world with the Corona Virus, please don't forget to take care of yourself. Please reach out if you need anything this year!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE. YOU ALL DESERVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

LIZETH CORDERO, SCHOOL BASED HEALTH

SHYLA ERVIN, ED SERVICES

YVETTE HERRERA, EARLY HEAD START

BUTCH LANCASTER, INTERNAL SUPPORTS

JULY BIRTHDAY'S

ASHLEE MCEWEN, SCHOOL BASED HEALTH

STACY WREN, TECH SUPPORT

AUGUST BIRTHDAY'S

CHASITY HAWKINS, ED SERVICES

BELEM HERNANDEZ, ED SERVICES

OLIVIA HERRERA, HEAD START

CHEYENNE JARVIS, HEAD START

HALI MARTIN, ED SERVICES

BRENDA MOTLEY-LOPEZ, SCHOOL BASED HEALTH

FRED ROMERO, INTERNAL SUPPORTS

ABIGAIL VILLANUEVA, HEAD START

DAYNA WORTHAM, HEAD START

New Faces @ Region 9



Jennifer Johnson
Math Instructional Coach
Educational Services



Ida Montes-Salcedo
Behavioral Health Counselor
School Based Health Center



Kari Jensen
Early Head Start
Teacher Assistant / Floater



Cindy Gomez
Administrative Assistant
Region 9



Megan Stasiak
Educational Diagnostician
Educational Services



Toby Smith
Child Find Coordinator &
Educational Services Assistant

*You will
see plenty
of new faces
around the
R9 sites.*

*We are
grateful for
each one of
our new team
members!*

*We are
Region 9 Proud!*

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Region 9 New & All Staff Orientation August 13, 2021
 - More info coming via email soon!
- Region 9 Coordinating Council Meeting: August 18 @ 9:00am



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