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Dear Community Leader:

Last summer I wrote asking you about your priorities for Chino Valley schools as we plan for the future. I am happy to report that we have had an overwhelming response to date! Thank you to the almost 3,000 residents, parents, and teachers who have provided us feedback.

I have also had conversations with civic groups throughout Chino, Chino Hills, and Ontario, as well as hosted meetings at each of the District's 35 schools. While I have heard from a diverse group of constituents on a variety of issues, everyone has been unified in their commitment to our schools.

The top priorities and comments we've heard for our schools include:

- Our students deserve the best teachers, school facilities, and access to technology as the delivery of education becomes more and more digital
- We need to provide opportunities for students to obtain a competitive, 21st century learning environment by offering career-oriented pathways and academies
- Even our "newer" schools have aged and now are in need of repair and renovation, the first in 25 years or since the schools were built more than 20 years ago
- Residents move to this area because of the excellent schools; keep them that way and in turn, keep our residential property values up
- We want our schools to be even safer so that our students, staff, and parents feel secure when they are on our campuses

Unfortunately, many of our schools were literally built decades ago, are deteriorating, and cannot support the 21st century classrooms our students need. While our students continue to outperform the county and state averages, we need to ensure they are prepared to succeed in college and are able to compete for good paying jobs when they graduate.

To fully understand the needs at every school, we are in the midst of developing an updated Districtwide Facilities Master Plan. We have already completed two rounds of meetings at all schools and are preparing to share our assessments and get additional input from parents and teachers in a third round of meetings this spring. If you would like to learn more about this process, we recently posted an update on the District's website that can be viewed at www.chino.k12.ca.us/community.

If you have not yet had a chance to take our community survey, we would appreciate your feedback. Please spend a few minutes letting us know your priorities for local schools at www.chino.k12.ca.us and click on the FEEDBACK button. We will continue to keep you updated.

Sincerely,

Wayne M. Joseph
Superintendent