

Dear AADUSD community,

After much deliberation and reflection, I recently tendered my resignation effective January 31st, 2017. The reasons for this decision are multifarious and include my health. I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our students and parents for your role in helping us achieve enormous accomplishments over the last eight years. AADUSD has a bright future ahead and I am committed to supporting the board, staff and community in the transition of leadership. It has been my honor to serve as the Superintendent of the Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District as it has been the most impactful and rewarding position I have ever held. Together we found a way and achieved great results!

“Finding a Way...No Excuses” has been my vision since I arrived in AADUSD eight years ago. Thinking back to when I started my tenure as superintendent, I am reminded of just how much we have accomplished together. At that time the district was deficit spending with large encroachments across the system, suffering from declining enrollment, large class sizes, a portable high school campus, minimal A-G and AP offerings, years without salary increases, minimal professional development, outdated curriculum, and little to no technology. Together we worked to fill the gaps of the past and create goals to re-build the foundation of this district for the future. Although many of our decisions were very difficult, we always made them with students in mind and the betterment of our community.

As a result of our approach, we have accomplished an enormous amount of growth over the last eight years. The items listed below are just a few of the incredible accomplishments we have achieved together.

- ✓ Adopted a five-year plan that ensures enormous growth across the system
- ✓ Significantly lowered class sizes across all grade levels
- ✓ Developed and implemented a myriad of educational protocols that support students
- ✓ Adopted new textbooks and curriculum
- ✓ Offered high quality professional development for our teachers
- ✓ Drastically improved our technology and infrastructure at all schools
- ✓ Updated and beautified all campuses
- ✓ Dramatically Increased course offerings at the middle and high school
- ✓ Increased salaries and benefit packages for all personnel
- ✓ Successfully constructed a state of the art high school to include a gym/MPR

These are significant accomplishments and a result of countless hours of hard work by so many who serve this community. The board of trustees have been at the heart of these accomplishments and I want to personally thank each of them for their unwavering faith and trust in the vision. Without their support, none of the aforementioned accomplishments would have been realized. For all of these reasons, I am able to resign without reservation namely because the district has never been in a better position across all areas. I am confident the board of trustees and new administration will be able to leverage the vast amount of human, fiscal, and social capital we currently enjoy. I wish everyone the best and will be looking forward to even greater success of AADUSD.

Yours In Education,

Dr. Brent Woodard