



December 18, 2020

Dear SBCSC families,

As we move into our holiday break, I want to thank you for all you've accomplished during what has undoubtedly been a challenging year.

In the past several months, our educators, Board members, families, students, and neighbors have shown their genuine commitment and care toward one another and our greater community. In 2020, you came together in ways that none of us had ever expected. And more than ever, I've been honored to be a part of this community and to witness your care for one another as you faced incredibly challenging circumstances.

When we wished one another happy holidays twelve months ago, none of us had imagined the challenges that this year would bring along. Through exhaustion and uncertainty, you have shown our students and one another that we are a community committed to providing far more than just education, especially when things are difficult.

In 2020, each of you went to great lengths to keep our community connected. As we pivoted to remote learning, you developed specialized lessons to keep students engaged. Many of you voted "yes" to help us pass the referendum, ensuring that we could enhance the learning experiences of our students and better support our teachers. You organized drive through parades, gift and meal giveaways, made home visits, read and recorded stories, distributed and repaired countless Chromebooks, provided meal kits, produced cooking shows, made music videos, supplied WiFi buses, and then provided families with their own hot spots. You organized the most memorable commencement ceremonies in the history of our district. You stitched together thousands of masks to keep our students and staff safe. You worked extra hours to keep our classrooms, cafeterias, buses, and offices sanitized. You helped our youngest students understand how to be socially distanced, even when you knew how much they wished to hug one another. You created outdoor classrooms and helped our students find peace in times of uncertainty. You showed us that being an educator is far more than working in a classroom.

Please know that I'm honored to serve our community alongside each of you. Thank you for all you have done for our students in 2020.

I wish all of you and your loved ones a healthy and peaceful holiday season and a happy new year.

Please remember—as we've said all along: read a book, watch a classic film, listen to an album. I've appreciated your feedback and have discovered new content by your reaching out!

Sincerely,



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