

Welcome to the Aspen School District

And the 2010-2011 School Year!

As the summer progresses, many of our staff members have been working hard toward improving their teaching skills and strategies. They have been attending workshops, conferences, classes, and curriculum meetings. They have even provided their time to serve on committees to interview and hire new personnel that are highly qualified and meet the high expectations of each school. All of this is in an effort to improve their professional practice while carefully planning for an exciting and dynamic year of learning.

Our goals in the Aspen School District are to meet the needs of all learners, to ensure that every student reaches his or her full potential, and to pledge that our graduates are prepared for life, learning, and leadership as they progress to college and the workforce.

In order to accomplish our goals, strategies such as the following will be implemented:

- *Maintain a clear and shared sense of purpose focused on student learning.*
- *Create high achieving learning environments for all students.*
- *Reduce the achievement gap and enhance the learning opportunities for all students.*
- *Use assessments to measure student achievement and instructional practices while tying assessment design and content to new outcomes.*
- *Develop people and their capacity to learn as this learning leads an organization toward the pursuit of quality and excellence.*

Aspen School District continues to be recognized for excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts, and that commitment remains, in spite of the state budget crisis and significant cuts in state funding for public education, including the Aspen Schools. The Board of Education and the District's administrators have worked closely with staff, parents, and community members to create and approve a reduced budget for this year that continues to deliver the educational excellence our students deserve and our community expects. Our mission remains as strong as ever.

Whether you are a member of the Class of 2011, preparing for graduation this year, or member of the Class of 2023, starting kindergarten in August, we wish you a challenging, yet rewarding year. We hope your year will be filled with learning, laughter, and life-enriching experiences.

Dr. John Maloy, Superintendent of Schools

