



A Time for Family and Gratitude

November 22, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

As we approach Thanksgiving, a time for family, friends and gratitude, I wanted to express my deep appreciation for your ongoing commitment to the success of our students.

Even as times continue to be difficult for many, with the painfully high cost of living and economic uncertainties that have left many struggling, you have remained remarkably steadfast taking care of the needs of our students whether it be providing assistance with food, housing, academic support, or ensuring a sense of community and belonging, you demonstrate kindness and compassion each day.

Collectively, you have also been extraordinary supporting one another, as evidenced by the demand for the *Thank You Gram* program at Grossmont College expressing appreciation for colleagues, and the opening of the *Together We Rise Center* at Cuyamaca College.

Your focus on providing welcoming, supportive environments as we emerged out of the pandemic has truly been exceptional.

In the months ahead the District will be working closely with our labor groups to consider salary improvements for employees. Know that the Board and I are committed to doing the best we can to help with the rising cost of living.

We also know there is great need when it comes to food insecurity. Please join me and many of your colleagues in donating to the [Pack the Pantry virtual food drive](#) by November 30, which directly supports our Grossmont and Cuyamaca college food pantries. For each dollar you give, the San Diego Food Bank provides two meals for a student in need.

I hope you get a chance to connect with loved ones over the holiday and enjoy some downtime.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

With gratitude,

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