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Dear John Doe,

A Word from the Board President Estela Gutierrez



What an exciting and motivational week this has been at the Washoe County School District! The beginning of the 2010-2011 traditional school year was such an amazing success.

To celebrate the opening of the traditional school year, the Board of Trustees visited elementary, middle and high schools across the District on Monday. The passion of our teachers, principals and staff was inspiring. There is nothing we like to do better than spend time at our schools with the children and all of the employees at the schools. The Board also attended the Superintendent Forum on Monday evening as Superintendent Heath Morrison began the community-wide discussion on our strategic plan, 'Envision WCSD 2015 – Investing in Our Future.' You can watch that discussion [here](#).

We would like to thank all of you at our year-round schools and traditional schools for your hard work and dedication that made the start of this year so successful. I am proud and humbled to be a part of the Washoe County School District, and I know my fellow Trustees feel the same. We are looking forward to an outstanding year ahead!

Estela Gutierrez
President

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Crucial Time to Focus on Student Intervention

The beginning of any school year is a critical time that sets the tone for the rest of the year. It is vitally important that we reach out to our students to ensure they are staying engaged in the classroom. That's why a major emphasis for the District is on intervention programs to keep our children in school. Right now, the WCSD is preparing for its 'Door to Door for Student Achievement' campaign. The Board of Trustees, along with the Superintendent, school district administrators and community leaders, will visit the homes of students who have not enrolled or returned to the classroom this year in hopes of getting them back to school. This initiative will help us reach our goal to graduate every student college and highly-skilled career ready.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal - A Tool to Connect Parents to the Classroom

The District is getting ready to launch the Parent Portal section of Infinite Campus. The Parent Portal will be a valuable tool to increase parent involvement in our schools. The new student information system, which is available through the Internet, will allow parents to track their child's information including attendance, assignments, test scores, grades and school announcements. The easy-to-use program also allows parents to see all of their children's information under one log-in. We are really excited to fully implement Infinite Campus as it will increase the District's efficiency and transparency. It will also allow the District to work as partners with parents as we work together toward graduation. The portal will be available for middle and high schools in mid-September and for elementary schools at the beginning of November.
