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School Board, Patrons, Administrators and Teachers,

Revolutionary, Nelson Mandela, once stated that, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Along the same lines, Aristotle, the father of modern logic, wrote, "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." And finally, the late American moral and social philosopher, Eric Hoffer so eloquently said, "In times of change, learners inherit the world, while the learned remain beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists". It is clear that education is paramount to the improvement of systems and the world. I honor and thank those of you whom have chosen the profession of education and are so willing to place students first in the quest for greater understanding as they go through the educational process.

This year Piute County School District will be refining the Professional Learning Communities with literacy, math, special education, and Beverly Taylor Sorenson Art. The PLCs are designed as a way for stakeholders to come together in their respective areas and mitigate the barriers of learning for students. PLC teams talk about data and how to improve engaged student learning. We have established district goals to improve technology effectiveness, enhance positive district and school climate, improve innovative instruction, promote college and career readiness, maintain effective teacher professional development, promote and improve safe schools, and facilitate productive district collaboration all with the intention of placing student first in our quest.

I want to welcome everyone back to school and thank all of the teachers, classified and personnel in our district who come to work everyday with the focus of putting students first in the education process. I thank the administrators and school board for their hard work and dedication as well as the community patrons for your support in helping the student succeed in Piute County School District. Paramount to all, I thank the student at Piute County School District for being amazing.

I am looking forward to working with all of you this year in the education of our children.

Thanks,
Superintendent Erickson