

## HOPE 2.0

June 3, 2018

### Don't Quit

As this school year ends, I want to acknowledge the ups, the downs, the challenges and the triumphs. We accomplished a great deal, we discovered a great deal and we had some setbacks along the way. We close this year with the understanding that there is still much to be done. Social-emotional learning (SEL) is one of the most significant initiatives upon which we will embark in 2018-2019. This is an initiative that will impact the direction of our district like no other.

We will continue to work toward a full alignment of our curriculum. We will continue to ensure that our instruction is engaging, and our assessments are rigorous. We will continue to prepare students to receive their first choice. We will continue to ensure that students and staff are safe in our buildings and we will continue to let data guide our decisions. However, until we ensure that our students are socially and emotionally healthy, we will struggle to provide a world class education.

In the coming days and weeks, you will notice some significant changes occurring across the district. I encourage you to stay the course and seek clarity when you can. There will also be a great deal of work done over the summer: developing model lesson plans for all levels, revising the student Code of Conduct, revising our PBIS matrices, revising and refining PBIS lesson plans and much more. If you are a teacher and would like to be a part of the lesson planning team, please email Laurel Black ([lblack@hannasd.org](mailto:lblack@hannasd.org)). Anyone else interested in assisting with PBIS matrices or our Code of Conduct, please email Laurel Black. We welcome the input.

I will be presenting the full SEL initiative during tomorrow night's board meeting and I encourage you to either attend or review the presentation that will be attached to the agenda. I will outline our 3-year plan and answer questions from the board and the community. I will also share this information in our final days of PD. There is a great deal of work to be done, so I leave you with this poem that has gotten me through some very challenging times, this school year especially. I wish each of you a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to continuing the work in the fall.



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by

John Greenleaf Whittier

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns  
And many a failure comes about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—  
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out—  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell just how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Have a great summer!  
Tamara Willis, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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**Piece of the Puzzle**



Thank you to the middle school kitchen staff for all their hard work in preparing for the Honors Breakfast and for everything that you do to keep our students healthy and prepared for learning. We appreciate you!