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## *A National Schools To Watch School and a California Gold Ribbon School*

Dear Parents and Guardians, Students and Community Members,

Welcome to Serrano Middle School and the 2017-2018 school year. We are excited and proud to welcome you here to our wonderful school. Serrano's school community has worked very hard over the past several years to create a learning environment that is rigorous and student-centered, exemplifying the critical components of a highly successfully middle school.

We were honored in February 2016 to be named a National Schools to Watch through the California Taking Center Stage middle school recognition program. With this designation, we join only 72 school statewide and 480 across the United States to be honored with this award and recognition. This award recognizes that hard work that we have done to provide academic excellence, social equity, developmental responsiveness and organizational systems that support high levels of achievement for middle school students. We add this accomplishment to our California Gold Ribbon Award and Title 1 Academic Achievement Award we received in May 2015 as well as our renewed recognition as a California Distinguished School.

Our commitment to our students, parents, guardians and school community is that we will continue to provide outstanding academic and social excellence for our students. Our expectations are very high for our students but we also provide extensive supports throughout the school day and through our afterschool programs in order to promote academic and social achievement.

This school year, we are proud to announce that our school is a School2Home School! We are officially 1:1 iPad ready. Your students will be accessing and using technology to learn and grow each and everyday in all their classrooms and at home with a personal device checked out to them.

We will continue our Saturday Home Visit program this school year. We are now in our 7<sup>th</sup> year of visits and we will continue to the goal of reaching out to all students and parents that are new to the Serrano community. Please look out for notices coming home with your students in August and September notifying you of our visit dates and times.

We are also looking forward to supporting our local First Responder Community during our Annual September 11<sup>th</sup> community service drive as well as our annual Community Celebration Carnival Event which will happen in the Spring of 2018 this year. Both of the annual events bring our community together and celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our students and staff. Please plan to join us in celebrating!

Our Annual Back to School Night will be *Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm*. We look forward to sharing with you all of the exciting activities, events and learning experiences that we have planned for your students this school year.

Thank-you for joining us on this journey and entrusting your students to us this school year.

Michelle Cleveland, Principal  
Serrano Middle School

