

CABRILLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Cabrillo Staff and Community,

Today, the Board of Trustees of the Cabrillo Unified School District announces the retirement of Superintendent Dr. John Bayless.

The Governing Board recognizes Dr. John Bayless for a decade of tireless and exceptional service to our Coastside schools and 37 years of dedicated service to public education in California. As Superintendent, Dr. Bayless has steered our district through difficult financial times, while maintaining a steadfast commitment to continuous improvement. His financial expertise has enabled us to expand and enrich our curriculum and bolster achievement despite state budgetary limitations. Dr. Bayless leaves the district in a better financially healthy position.

John has built a solid team at the district office and a cadre of teachers and staff bound together by mutual respect and strong professionalism. Our district focuses on the best outcomes for students and to that end, Dr. Bayless has led the district in the implementation of California's high academic standards, an ongoing 5-year Strategic Plan, remodeling and building at all of our district schools, and the achievement of a record number of new grants, collaborations, and donations. Dr. Bayless leaves the district with test scores showing a steady upward trajectory and state rankings for our secondary schools in the top 20%. His efforts to strengthen curriculum, communications, and public relations are bearing fruit. Through Dr. Bayless' leadership, our community can now look forward to the imminent construction of the Cunha middle school campus and can look with pride at the new academic buildings and wonderful sports infrastructure at Half Moon Bay High School.

The Governing Board has initiated the search process for a new district Superintendent. The search will include valued input from community, staff and stakeholders.

It is with great sadness that we see John leave because we have had a strong, cohesive, collaborative relationship and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,

The Governing Board of the Cabrillo Unified School District

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Dear Cabrillo Staff and Community,

Before the beginning of the summer vacation I would like to share with you a decision I have made regarding my professional career. After 37 years in public education, I have indicated to the Governing Board my desire to retire this fall.

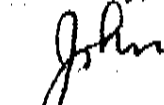
Cabrillo Unified School District, like many school districts across the state, is entering into a period of transition. While any change can produce a measure of anxiety, it can also result in wonderful opportunities for the future. I am confident that this will be the case for Cabrillo.

The Governing Board will be launching a search for a new Superintendent during the summer and expects to have the process completed by early fall. Certainly I have pledged to do whatever I can to ease the transition, and to be of service to the Governing Board and the new Superintendent during this period of transition.

I want to express my appreciation for all of your positive support during my tenure as Superintendent. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with outstanding students, an exemplary staff that is dedicated and professional, devoted board members and a community that is passionate about the well being of its children.

It has been an exceptional honor and a privilege to serve as the Superintendent of the Cabrillo Unified School District for the past decade.

Sincerely,



John Bayless, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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