



ANTIOCH SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

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Dr. Bradford Hubbard, Superintendent

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Dear Antioch CCSD 34 Families,

Today is the eve of Election Day. In the United States, Election Day is of great importance and significance. The ability of our citizens to vote is not just a privilege; rather, it is a right. It is a right we are fortunate to have afforded to us in this country and it is a right that has been fought for, protected, and expanded since our country's inception. The democratic process allows not only for our voices to be heard, but for our voices to have power, too. This is a remarkable reality and genuinely extraordinary process. It is a process Americans are proud of and one that we are known for across the world.

With that said, we know that elections have implications and with those come a wide variety of emotions. At times, instead of our institutional processes bringing us together, they can serve as temporary wedges between us. Regardless of where you fall on the political spectrum, the divides we face as a Nation are easy to see and they are real. As a school district, I believe it is our responsibility to bridge these divides, focus on building relationships across differences, and explicitly teach the ideals around and tenants of love, respect, community, and unity.

In the coming days, there will be many emotions that we will collectively experience, witness, and have to navigate. Please know that our staff is ready to do so in an empathic, unbiased, and appropriate manner. How we show up matters and we understand that. At all times, we commit to being vigilant about and cognizant of what our students' needs are. When they experience excitement, anger, exuberance, fear, happiness, sadness, confusion, or any other of a wide variety of emotions, we work to support them and plug them into the plethora of resources we have available. Managing emotions is a skill for us all and one that we as a school district help model, teach, and promote. We stand ready to do that now and in the future.

In the end, tomorrow is a huge day in the United States and the days that follow may test us. I am hopeful that our learning community will continue to embrace and exhibit that which defines us and that which brings us together. At the beginning of this year, I identified these as hope, gratitude, and grace. This letter is a friendly reminder that it is through these three things that we will be able to navigate any reality. Add in love, care, and kindness, and I know that we are better because of and with each other.

Grateful and hopeful,

Dr. Bradford Hubbard
Superintendent