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A Message From the Governing Board...

Your Board of Education seeks to maintain a school system that is academically sound, intellectually stimulating and fiscally responsible. We realize that change is needed to meet new demands if today's children are to be prepared to meet their future responsibilities as community leaders. This kind of preparation does not occur accidentally; education is not a haphazard process. It takes planning, follow-through and evaluation, steps in which we are constantly involved. But it also takes support, and we believe that an informed public is a supportive public.

Children remain our most precious resource and if they are to meet successfully the challenges placed before them, they will need both knowledge and many skills. They will also need confidence, strong basic values, a realistic sense of individual worth and a belief in personal responsibility. As adults, our task is to prepare them, providing in the home, in the school, and in the community a strong foundation on which they can build. We can help by guiding them, listening to them, encouraging them, believing in them-and expecting much of them.

Mission Statement

We are convinced that all our students can learn and that our mission is to ensure that each masters the knowledge and develops the attitudes and skills necessary to become a contributing and productive citizen. We believe the education of our children is a cooperative effort of home, school, and community. We provide a comprehensive program of education for grades K-8 and are grateful for our very supportive and caring parents. In 1993-94, and 1994-95 Rancho Santa Fe School continued to strengthen its already strong partnership with parents, local businesses, civic

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years we are privileged to share.

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We believe that:

- The well being of our country depends upon an educated public
- All people have choices, are ultimately responsible for their own actions, and that children should support parent effort to bring about student acceptance of those beliefs
- Values shape actions and actions and home and school should work cooperatively to instill and support those values
- There is a direct relationship between expectations and achievements and we should expect much of our children
- All people have the responsibility to contribute to society
- It is essential to regularly evaluate and assess course content, student activities and learning materials to assure their relevance and effectiveness in meeting our mission.

Educational Essentials

We are committed to a program of education which will:

1. Recognize and respect the individuality of each child
2. Provide appropriate learning opportunities for all
3. Help each develop a mastery of essential skills, including critical thinking and problem solving
4. Encourage good citizenship and effort
5. Provide a strong academic program and include music, the arts, athletics and physical education
6. Help youngsters develop good physical health and awareness of proper nutrition and exercise
7. Realistically enhance each child's self esteem through recognition of his/her effort, progress and citizenship

Quality of Instruction & Leadership

The quality of the instructional programs and the leadership at Rancho Santa Fe School have been recognized by state and county testing reports, publications and newsletters and by commendations given following State review of District programs such as the most recent Program Quality Review of 1991-92 and the Coordinated Compliance Review of 1991-92. The educational process is viewed as a shared responsibility. Governing Board, staff, parents and administration, all members of the school team, play important roles in determining the direction and making the decisions that determine our learning process. Frequent teachers' and specialists' insightful reports at Board meetings are viewed as vital by Board members. The PTO Board serves as the School Site Council which includes 6 members of the school staff as well. The School Based Coordinated Program plan focuses on specific areas of attention in each academic and enrichment area. During 1994-95 we are also conducting a local Program Quality Review with that team headed by teachers Maureen Cassarino and Harriet Joslyn. Here the specific focus of attention is on phonics and writing (language arts). It should be noted that more than 250 volunteers are involved in school programs and support activities.

Rancho Santa Fe School 1905 - Present

In 1905 Ferdinand Cohen and his neighbors erected a one room wood frame school building and named it the Aliso Canyon School. As years went on, and particularly after the Santa Fe Land Company began to develop what is now Rancho Santa Fe, the number of families in the area increased. In the early 1920's students moved into the Village of Rancho Santa Fe where a new Illinois Prairie designed building, located on the northwest corner of La Canada and Paseo

the site of the original Aliso Canyon School. Not long ago Mrs. Laughter and Principal Glenda Sumida, (also a Ranch School graduate) unveiled the "First School" historical plaque.

In 1927 we officially became the Rancho Santa Fe School District. By 1931 there were more students on the Ranch and it was time to construct a larger schoolhouse, which the community did. This is now the Association building and 35-40 students, with two teachers, moved into the building in the early 1930's. Rancho Santa Fe was slowly being discovered and by 1947 there were 47 students, K-6. By the early 1950's the school population had increased to more than 100 and the Association building was no longer large enough. It also failed to meet new California earthquake standards so a third, and the present school site, fronting on La Granada and Avenida de Acacias, was selected. The first seven room building here was completed in 1955. Numbers continued to grow and in 1960 some classes returned to the Association building. 1961 saw the addition of the second 4 room wing and 220 students, grades K-6, together on the same campus.

About that time the community was recognizing the need for a library and the district sold 1/3 of an acre to the new Library Guild for \$1.00. This was the first of several transactions between Guild and school which has helped make possible a lovely library for the community and most rewarding facilities and programs for our students. By 1968 the school was bulging again and the community approved construction bonds and authorized the return of 7th and 8th graders from the Junior High in Solana Beach. 1971 saw completion of the Middle School and present administration building and all students, K-8, were educated in the local school. Following a very generous contribution by Gene Fletcher and the dedication of a new Rancho Santa Fe Youth Board (with original members guarantying construction loans for up to \$10,000 each) a school gym and youth center was constructed.

The community and its school population continued to grow, slowly but inexorably over the next years with classes housed, at various times, in the Fire Station and in portable classrooms located on school and Association property. The Middle School library, auditorium, art and computer rooms, were also being used for classrooms by the late 1980s. In March, 1991, district residents overwhelmingly approved a bond measure and the two story building was completed in time for September, 1992 classes. The new addition has 10 classrooms, a large art studio, a modern science/computer lab and facilities for Special Education and music. It also permits us to use Middle School and older facilities for the purposes for which they were planned.

From the parents and neighbors who constructed the Aliso Canyon School of 1905 to the community supported school addition of 1992 and programs of the present, Rancho Santa Fe has worked to plan and provide well for its children, that they might be prepared to become participating and successful citizens. We seek to provide a school which academically and in all regards reflects our splendid community and enhances the values and welfare of all our citizens.

