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Thinking about and planning for the future is an essential part of maintaining a successful school district. The crystal ball that will predict the future of education hasn't been invented yet, but enough of the future is with us today to give us a glimpse of what the future might hold.

Nationwide and statewide, there are many factors driving change in public education including increasing economic shortfalls, cultural differences, and advances in medicine that make it possible for many children to attend school now who were not able to in the past. There are also increased expectations of public schools to educate all children to their fullest abilities, which includes much more than a rigorous academic program.

Parents and educators have high expectations for our children, and understand that children learn differently----- what works well for one may not work well for another. Meeting the needs of ALL our children is the constant challenge but also opportunity for our educators. I am fortunate to be working with staff and parents that care about the community's children.

I also feel very fortunate to be working here in Bear Valley because of the members of the Board of Trustees. Their top priority is to ensure the success of every student and make their future become a reality. January is national recognition month for Board members. I invite you to take the time to say thank you to each of them. They are: Bev Grabe, Randy Putz, Debra Sarkisian, Ken Turney and Paul Zamoyta.

They spend many hours reviewing programs, budgets, test results, developing policies, overseeing expenditures and setting priorities and direction for the school district. Because of their dedication and commitment to finding innovative solutions to challenging issues and because they believe that the success of any community depends on the quality of its education system, they are willing to do whatever is necessary to keep the standards high for every student. Please let them know we appreciate their efforts and feel free to visit any of our schools at any time. We welcome your visits.