

WHAT DO YOU WANT?  
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*“What do you want?”*

*“Give it away!”*

*“You’ll get it back!”*

I want to take this time to heartily thank all of our many community supporters! During my first six months serving as Superintendent, I have been so pleased to see the diverse, balanced, and quality programs our district is offering students.

As an educational community we should feel proud of the many thoughtful opportunities our young people have to engage their lives and passions. Award winning arts programs, consistently recognized athletic programs, 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology applications, as well as leadership and academic activities allow our work to extend beyond the traditional four walls of an educational environment.

In an era when we have successfully strived to reach high marks with so many of our traditional assessments...our district and community have partnered to provide a balance for our students. If we looked deep into history, it would be a “renaissance” of sort, that had the “whole child” as its focus. The evidence around our community and the stellar impression our students leave behind is impressive.

The Ford Motor Company used the tag line, “Quality is Job 1”... and the quality of students Huntington Beach Union High School District is producing would be a walk-aroundable definition to that phrase. We are proud, and rightly should be, as the investment by our communities is withstanding one of the most valid assessments we know... Time!

So, as we begin this new year, I want to thank each of you for your consistently thoughtful support. We are grateful and will continue to pursue levels of excellence that will define our communities and our futures.

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(Quote from Whittier College professor, Dr. John Dean, in my first year taking teacher credentialing courses...he was on to something!)