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As part of our ongoing efforts to provide meaningful communication to our families and community, I have set a goal to post at least one Update on the Superintendent's page of the Sahuarita Unified School District website each month. It will contain brief summaries and comments regarding relevant information and current events in the school community.

I want to let you know that I am working with the Town and So. AZ YMCA to coordinate an information session regarding the proposed three way partnership concept to integrate our Aquatics Center and part of the Copper View campus with the proposed Town recreation center to support the possible creation of a YMCA in our community. This seems like a great opportunity to leverage our combined resources in support of greater services and cost efficiencies for all. It seems worthy of discussion and consideration. An information session is scheduled from 5:30 -7:00 PM on September 3 in the Copper View gym. Asst. Superintendent, Scott Downs, will be available to lead attendees on a tour of the pool complex and locker room facilities, in addition to the gym.

I am pleased to share that our Math and Science Success (M.A.S.S). grant was funded for approximately \$60,000 by Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold Investment Fund. These dollars will continue a second year of our targeted enrichment and intervention program to assist students who need additional academic support in the areas of math and science. This will benefit all SUSD schools, by providing access to targeted, supplemental after school programs. We are thankful to our friends at Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold for their ongoing commitment and support. Together, we are making a difference!

I wanted to give a brief update in regards to our District Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Our emergency plan is advancing with significant progress. The latest step is that, under the leadership of Mr. Scott Boone, we have assembled a District Incident Management Team (IMT). This is a very important team that works regularly to evaluate and advance the emergency response plan and serves as the coordinating group in the event of a major emergency.

I was recently asked to serve on the American Heart Association / American Stroke Association Board of Directors. Through these outreach efforts, we have been able to secure resources to train every 7th grader at Anza Trail School in compression only CPR. I am hopeful that this effort will expand to an opportunity for training youngsters at SMS, as well. Hands only CPR has shown dramatic

effectiveness for a majority of emergency situations, and the training can be done in just 20 minutes! As part of the training, students will be given their own "CPR Anytime" "Mini-Annie" manikin and asked to train others at home

One of my big goals for this year is the development of a six year strategic plan, called SahuaritaWINS2020. As part of this process, I will be reaching out to many stakeholder groups, all

schools, business partners, parent groups, and others, in pursuit of feedback regarding our successes, needs, and ideas for continuing to move the organization forward in a direction of excellence, and mission of Working As A Team To Help Every Student Succeed!

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