



## SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL

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Dear SFIS Family,

I pray that you and your families are in good spirits and health. We are busy preparing for another school year, and I am excited to welcome you all back. This year we will continue to focus on the Building Healthy Communities theme. Growing up as a young girl in my village, I remember the Say No to Drugs campaigns and the lectures by our leaders asking us to break the cycles of destruction we see in our Tribal communities. Alcoholism, substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental health issues have plagued our communities for far too long.

How we prepare this generation to live healthier and make better choices depends on all of us taking action for a better tomorrow. Let's break the devastating cycles we see by preparing students to navigate the problems that life has for us all. We must continue to share the words of our ancestors and the core values passed on from generation to generation that guide us on the right path. As educators we will work to develop our students problem-solving and critical thinking skills, which will help them make sound decisions.

Our children will be the change makers for the future. They will bring hope and light to our families and communities. Let us work together to prepare them for a bright future. We all have a role in our student's success. As we know some of our children will struggle to adjust academically, some will become homesick, and others will be challenged with the structure and expectations we have of our students. Know that the school will do its best to support your child.

On August 13, 2023 we will host a parent orientation at the Everett Chavez Pueblo Pavilion Wellness Center. We will provide two times for parents to choose from. The first general session will start at 9:00 AM and the second at 1:00 PM. Each session will be followed by break-out sessions for NASIS, which is our student information system. This application allows you to view your student's progress: for example, assignments, grades, attendance, and other features. Transportation will provide a rundown on day bus schedules, pick ups and drop offs, and student/parent expectations. Our Health Center and Counseling Center staff will provide information and share their resources; Athletics will provide an overview of our school's sports and, finally, I will host a feedback session.

This event will include a gallery walk with a Fan Shop for school merchandise purchase, Tribal Education Department representatives, Sunflower Bank, community mental health agencies, mental and physical health insurance sign-ups, and much more. We will give t-shirts to parents, door prizes, and many more giveaways. We hope you take this opportunity to learn more about our school and what we provide our students.

We look forward to another great year. I ask for your support in working together to support each other and, most importantly, our students. See you on August 13, 2023, at the Everett Chavez Pueblo Pavilion Wellness Center.

With Love,



Superintendent Abeyta