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## Board Salute

### D33 Technology Team & Instructional Technology Coaches

*Submitted by: D33 Cabinet & Board of Education*

#### **We proudly salute the incredible Technology Team of D33.**

This summer, the team worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that every system, program, application, and device was ready for the first week of school. It was no small task - from preparing and delivering brand-new Mac laptops to teachers, to fast-tracking the implementation of our new PowerSchool Student Information System. These projects required long hours, sharp problem-solving, and extraordinary patience from both the Technology Team and our staff.

We first want to acknowledge Nicole Eimer, Director of Marketing, Communications, and Public Relations, for stepping up as this year's interim support for the technology department and the roll-out of PowerSchool. Her strong project management skills and ability to keep this complex initiative moving forward were essential to our launch of the school year. Just as importantly, **Nicole's good humor in the face of inevitable challenges kept us all grounded and positive throughout the process. Her ability to lead change has set a high bar - and created big shoes to fill when we move forward in filling the Director of Technology position.**

We especially want to recognize **Ray Snowden and Eddie Fuentes** for their leadership, steady support, and quick thinking. **Their calm presence, even in high-pressure moments, reassured staff that solutions were always within reach.** Their ability to plan ahead while responding to challenges in real time has been critical throughout this transition.

We also celebrate our **Instructional Technology Coaches**, who went above and beyond this summer to build training and resources for staff - often with little direction and amidst constant changes. **Their creativity, patience, and calming presence helped staff feel supported, even when stress levels were high.** They exemplify the very skills we aim to instill in our students: adaptability, resilience, and confidence with technology.

We also want to give a special shout-out to our **Techs**, who continually take initiative wherever needed. This summer especially, **they stepped up in countless ways that often go unseen, ensuring that the systems, devices, and networks our schools depend on run smoothly.** We've all gained a deeper appreciation for the tremendous amount of behind-the-scenes work they do every day to keep our schools connected and running.

Most importantly, our Technology Team and Instructional Technology Coaches are now collaborating more closely than ever, holding joint meetings and tackling challenges together. **Their spirit of teamwork and mutual support is setting a new standard for how we serve our district.**

On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, staff, students, and families — **thank you for your dedication, resilience, and teamwork. You are helping pave the way for innovation and learning in District 33 every single day.**