



#### A Note from the School Board Trustee/President:

My name is Alicia Cruz and it is a pleasure to serve another term as the Board President of the Washington Unified School District, West Sacramento (WUSD). I am entering my 4th year on the WUSD school board and I am proud to be a part of public education in West Sacramento. Over the years our board has created various partnerships, programs and made financial decisions in which we were able to get the district out of a financial deficit. We have been able to provide raises for teachers, staff, management and administration without having to furlough or lay off any employees. Thus, we are able to retain and sustain the best teachers and staff for our students and district.

This last year there have been many changes in WUSD. The board hired a new superintendent to guide and push our schools forward in curriculum and technology, bringing West Sacramento to the 21st century in education and providing the best education and opportunities to our students. We have created better partnerships with local educational leaders, such as Sacramento City College to offer college courses to our high school students. We are working on T-Kindergarten and preschool options for our families as well as afterschool programs for all students, such as tutoring. We added the culinary program on the old Bryte Elementary School campus along with our NCCT program.

Of the utmost importance in WUSD is creating a safe, clean environment for all students at all campuses. The community assisted in that task by passing the Measure V bond in 2014. Without the passing of this bond, the district would have had to pick and choose the projects of importance, but the community made it clear to the board that the community cares about our schools and students' education. As you see the signs on school sites, projects are being completed on campuses with the Measure V bond funds you approved—thank you.

So again, I thank the community in believing in me, the board and WUSD to provide options in education to West Sacramento communities. The door is always open at WUSD, please feel free to contact staff, teachers, administration and board members with any concerns. We hold regular board meetings the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall and the public is always welcome.

Thank You,

Alicia Cruz  
WUSD - School Board President