



**Linda Kimble, Ed.D., Superintendent**

**Vista Unified School District**

Greetings Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members,

I am excited to join you as Superintendent of the Vista Unified School District. Fantastic things are happening at Vista Unified, and I'm pleased to join in the wonderful work. I have been a superintendent for fifteen years, and have had the pleasure of working with students from preschool age through high school, adult school, and have overseen unique programs such as early college high school, ROP, and more.

Our work in ensuring each student has relevant, useful, engaging experiences in reading, writing and math through exciting programs is making a difference for each child. School to college and career focus helps each student consider their next steps and begin to engage with the world outside of school.

Students are the focus of our work in Vista Unified, and it is a priority to make student-centered learning a reality. Choice is key to our success, and we're proud to offer many options for parents and students to meet the unique talents and abilities of each student. A great example of this is Temple Heights Elementary Leadership Academy. Temple Heights wrote and received a multi-year grant to implement the "Leader in Me" program, which is based on the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Dr. Stephen Covey. The program teaches 21<sup>st</sup>-century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. They value supporting the social and emotional well-being of each child. They celebrate these strengths to build leaders and create programs that tap into the talents of our students. They believe Personal Learning requires a shift in mindset for everyone to create and grow learner-centered environments. Starting in 2015, Temple Heights began its journey to reimagine physical spaces, instructional approaches, and voice of our faculty and students. They continue to grow the collaborative vision and refine their practices with the input of the school community. We are proud of the many unique programs at T.H.E. Leadership Academy.

Thank you for the warm welcome to Vista Unified School District! I look forward to meeting you around town.