

September 11, 2019

Dear Alief Team,

We all have events in our life that no matter how old we live to be, we will always recall where we were and what we were doing when we learned about it. Perhaps there is no day in the history of our country that exemplifies this more than September 11, 2001. I respectfully request that each of us to take a moment to reflect on the importance of this day on our nation's history. It is hard to believe but today marks the 18-year anniversary of the attacks on our country.

I encourage each of us in our own way to remember those men, women and children that lost their lives on this tragic day. I would also like for us to remember the feelings of solidarity and togetherness we all felt that day and the days and weeks afterwards. For those of us old enough to recall, our entire country experienced a "coming together" of each citizen to help each other. We saw first-hand strangers helping strangers, people looking out for each other, and everyone feeling a sense of pride in their community, state, and country. For a period of time, we were all teammates on the same team just trying to help each other out. In my opinion, if we all attempted to approach our personal and professional responsibilities with these same feelings we had 18 years ago, I believe we would have many more great days than bad days.

I encourage each of us to use this anniversary as a teachable moment, so that generations that follow us do not forget how our nation responded following those tragic events. The overwhelming majority of students in our schools were not even born on September 11, 2001, so it is up to us to take the time to educate students about not only the events on that day, but also on the way that our country came together to recover, help each other and move forward.

Through our actions, our students will see the benefits that are created when people work together for a common good. Even when a tragic event brought us together.

Thanks for being a great teammate and a great example for the next generation.

Have a great day and see you around,



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Superintendent