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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Millbrae School District,

I trust this letter finds you and your families well and enjoying this beautiful summer. Here in the District, many people are already working hard preparing for the opening of school. I am looking forward to seeing your children on the first day of school and am very excited for an outstanding year ahead.

I am sure that you and your children are anxious and ready for the start of school. Our first day of school is **Tuesday, September 06, 2011**. Each Principal will be sending a letter home with more information about your specific school.

- Elementary school students begin each morning at 8:15 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Student dismissal on Wednesdays is at 1:15 p.m.
- Taylor Middle School students begin school at 8:28 a.m., ending at 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Student dismissal on Wednesdays is at 2:00 p.m. at Taylor Middle School.

As our nation, state and local levels of governance continue to address the economic and fiscal challenges, our District stays committed to turning these challenges into opportunities as we continue to move forward on behalf of our children. In order for the District to remain fiscally solvent, we will need to continue five (5) furlough days in our 2011-2012 school year, which will be served at the end of the school year making our last day of school Friday, June 8, 2012 for all students. With a shortened school year, it will be critical to maximize instructional time and for our students to be in school on time, every day.

At the same time, the District is ever grateful to the Millbrae Education Foundation (MEF) for providing the resources to fund necessary services to our schools. Our PTAs continue to honor our teachers and schools with important classroom materials and resources. I urge us all to join together and support the MEF and PTAs on behalf of our children's educational programs. Please consider these great opportunities for all of us to be involved in our schools.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Back to School Night. I thank you, in advance, for your continued support to our schools and staff in addition to all the time and efforts in completing all paperwork needed for the beginning of the school year. (Our Back to School packets may be found online at the district's website.)

We greatly appreciate your positive encouragement to our students and support to our teachers for an exciting start of school on September 6th.

Sincerest Regards,

Linda C. Luna, Superintendent