



Remarks to the Carlsbad Unified School District Board of Trustees -  
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Good evening,

Well, it's been a long and stressful school year, but as it is coming to a close, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what we have accomplished, and look toward the future.

We have finally achieved one of our long term goals, the chance to restructure our medical benefit package to better reflect our members' needs. This restructuring, through Public Employees Benefit Trust, will allow us to offer similar coverage at a lower cost, both to our members and the district. By doing so, we were able to avoid some potential layoffs and service reductions in the coming year.

I'd like to take a moment to thank the members of the LIUNA negotiations team, and also the classified staff at their respective sites. We ended up having quite a few negotiation sessions, and we couldn't have done it without the help of our classified members who filled in to cover their duties while our team was away from their desks. I'd also like to thank the District's negotiations team under the capable leadership of Dr. Vodicka, who never allowed a stressful negotiations session become overly contentious or unprofessional.

Tonight we have to bid a fond farewell to our classified retirees, with sadness, and maybe a little bit of jealousy. May you all enjoy your future endeavors, and be sure to come back to say Hi every now and again.

Finally, on behalf of the classified employees of Carlsbad Unified, we would like to take a moment to welcome our new Superintendent, Suzanne Lovely. We look forward to working together for the benefit of not only our members, but the students of Carlsbad