

Colton Joint Unified School District

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Dear Cinthia Duran Larrea:

Thank you for volunteering at our 2026 Newcomer Day on April 14, 2026 at Bloomington High School. On Newcomer Day, recently enrolled high school students are invited to enjoy a day filled with activities for them. Having positive relationships with educators and peers is a top priority for them. They also express joy for cultural experiences in an environment that feels linguistically and socially safe. Our team aimed at offering our newcomer students a day of inspiring messages, positive camaraderie, delicious food, creative expression and learning to soothe their souls and inspire them to remain optimistic and to strengthen a sense of self efficacy.

The dance experience with sounds and movements from around the world which you so masterfully offered to students and parent volunteers was an important element for the success of the day! As I visited your session, I felt the joy in the room. Students and parents expressed comfort with your guidance throughout the music and movement. I was inspired by their evident delight and wished that I could join the session with the group! Your workshop was in the top two offerings which students favored first with their interest and subsequently with reviews of excellence and satisfaction.

Please receive our deep gratitude for volunteering on our Newcomer Day!



Sincerely,

The Newcomer Planning Team:

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