



FROM THE DESK OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Fal Asrani

Wednesday, April 17, 2024



Dear MJUSD Community,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of this academic year. Each day, I get to meet a senior student, who looks excited and sometimes frightened about the world they are stepping into. We know we have guided them in their journey over 13 years, and we are confident that they will be ok. I get very excited when I see students sharing with me that they are headed to four-year colleges. Yes, parents, there are millions and millions of dollars of college scholarships available. Please have your seniors complete the FAFSA application to access these funds. Workshops are being held regularly. Help them on their next journey after high school. You still have time to contact your senior's high school counselor and administrator if you need information. We are here. You can always reach me at fasrani@mjud.com for any questions you might have.

We started with recognitions of students, staff and community members. We also recognized three of our administrators, Jay Trujillo, Angela Salcedo and Principal Tracy Pomeroy, who were recognized by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 2. We were thrilled to recognize the MHS FFA students who won the State competitions and the Early Childhood and Special Education team who received the state award for Inclusive Practices.

Here are the highlights of the Board meeting:

We heard presentations to highlight the data and actions on the programs listed below. These presentations will be linked to the website today.

- Teacher support programs
- Assembly Bill 329: California Healthy Youth Act
- Student programs and services for college and career success
- Special Education Program
- Update on the Facilities Master Plan

Some of the items approved are the following:

- 2024-2025 Student Calendar. This document will be linked to our website tomorrow and you can access it under Student Calendars on the district website at www.mjud.com

- New Computer Science I and Computer Science II courses
- **Leader in Me** trainings for middle and high school leadership students
- Overnight field trips for LHS, MHS and American Indian program
- The Board also ratified the contracts for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Business Services and Education Services, extending it to 2025-26 school year. The Board had approved this last May but we had failed to bring it in for approval earlier this year.
- We are applying for a tax rebate for energy efficiency. The fees to start this work with the State of California will be paid from the tax rebate and is not a cost to the district.

We had a robust discussion on the Health curriculum offered in grades 7 and 9. It is really important for parents to know that you can waive your student's participation from a section that you don't feel is appropriate for your student. Please reach out to the high school and middle school Principal to get a waiver form or contact Director Amy Stratton at astratton@mjustd.com.

We also heard from a parent who pointed out that schools had students walking or playing around with tails and animal masks. Today we saw that a few FB posts have also been made. Unfortunately this was never brought to our attention prior to the Board meeting. Now that we know, we are working with our sites to address this concern.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14. Join us in person or on YouTube. You can access the agenda for the meeting on Friday, May 10, 2024 by visiting the district website at www.mjustd.com (under Board tab on the top of the page).

Testing is in full swing across the district. This is the annual State test called CAASPP.

Please join me for the next Superintendent's Let's Connect zoom sessions on Monday, May 6th at 10:00 am and again at 6:00 pm. This will be the last one for the 2023-24 school year. Zoom link: <https://mjustd.zoom.us/j/85859233355?pwd=HheRH0cNv3oan2l1abpgb5RvjyEXSh.1>

As we wind down for the school year, please be kind and patient with each other. A gentle word and a kind gesture goes a long way to making someone happy.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent