



**FROM THE DESK OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Fal Asrani

Wednesday, January 17, 2024



Wishing everyone a happy new year. At this meeting we celebrated more students and staff, it is always wonderful to start with celebrations. We have so much to be proud of.

I have had the chance to visit several schools this past week and it is wonderful to see teachers and students focused on learning. I was also thrilled to see how some schools are already helping their students prepare for the state tests coming up in April. We have a lot of work to do in this area especially with math and reading scores, I am proud of the improvement efforts being made across the district.

A big shout out to Lindhurst High School for their commitment to start the Engineering Academy next year. They have been working closely with UC Davis to design the four-year college pathway. Another big shout-out to Middle College Academy for their partnership with MIT. Johnson Park Elementary, McKenney and several other schools are rolling out Robotics and Coding across the district.

We have also received a grant to support our teachers who are excited to earn their supplementary CSTEM credential. The grant and district funds will cover all their costs for this credential. Currently 44 teachers have expressed their interest to sign up for this. More information to follow.

At the meeting, comments were made regarding the restroom policy at MHS. It is important to note that the issue stemmed from comments and concerns shared at the townhall meeting in November. The school is trying to address the issue and work with the policy that they have implemented to ensure the safety of every student.

Presentations:

- **ELLA, Johnson Park, Kynoch and Lindhurst presented their school plans.**
- **Teachers presented the first draft of the Arts Plan.**

The Board completed the following actions:

- **Ratified the contract with Interim Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Romeo who will be here till the end of the year. Dr. Simon, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel is leaving the district to start a new position as Superintendent. We celebrate his promotion and wish him the very best.**
- **Completed the first read on BP 6146.4: Differential Graduation and Competency Standards, applicable to students with disabilities and BP 5030, Student Wellness.**
- **Approved two contracts with SitelogIQ**
 - **Electric vehicle charging stations - this will be a grant submission and work will start only if we get the grant.**
 - **Reinstate solar power generation at Foothill Intermediate and Cedar Lane.**

The next Board meeting is on February 20th. Hope you can join us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fal Asrani".

**Fal Asrani, Ed.D.
Superintendent**