



FROM THE DESK OF
THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Fal Asrani

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Dear MJUSD Community,

We are excited at the ongoing accolades that MJUSD schools are earning and the latest being the California Distinguished School recognition earned by MCAA. Please join me in congratulating the students, staff and parents at MCAA. I also congratulated our teacher leaders who are taking the helm in several of our districtwide work. This is the sign of progress and sustainability- when teachers are driving the work as a group in their efforts to improve the quality of education and opportunities in MJUSD.

Public comments were made about the Health curriculum adopted on 2018 and update made in 2021. The Board asked us to bring back other curriculum options.

We also heard comments about the discontinuance of the Health Aide position which was funded from one-time COVID funds. The district will continue to provide students with physical and mental well-being at all times. None of these staff are laid off; there are other open positions that they can apply to within the district. The details have been shared with them individually.

The state of California is projecting a budget deficit of over 70 billion dollars. Though we have been told that public education will be protected, we can look ahead to see that schools might be impacted as the shortfall impacts State-funded programs. However, the COLA is predicted to be under 1% which also means less revenues will come in next year for all school districts. We will continue to keep everyone updated. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Ms. Passaglia, provided a detailed presentation on the district's second interim budget. We have always operated as a responsible fiscal agency and we will continue to do so.

Below is an overview of the March 12, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting. We recognized:

- Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts for being recognized by California Department of Education as a 2024 California Distinguished School
- The district Spelling Bee Winners were recognized
- Staff and students were recognized

The Board heard the following presentations:

- C-Stem Program and LHS Engineering Pathway
- Marysville Strategic Arts Plan for 2023-28
- The Learning Communities for School Success Program for 2022-25
- Christy White and Associates presented the 2022-23 Independent Auditors Report
- Energy Service Program update with SitelogiQ
- MJUSD second interim budget update.

Some of the items approved are the following:

- Installation of 33 bottle fillers at McKenney, Kynoch, LHS, MHS and Yuba Gardens with a state grant.
- Courses for the new Music Production CTE pathway
- Overnight field trips for several schools
- Strategic Arts Plan for 2023-28- this is the Tk-12 arts and music plan for the Proposition 28 funds received by school districts. 80% of these funds must be used on people.
- Annual Transportation Services Plan for 2023-24 school year
- Accepted a \$500 donation from Yuba Sutter Arts on behalf of the Yuba Gardens Band
- Mr. Jordan Reeves as the new Assistant Superintendent of Personnel.

Due to an automatic update made to the BoardDocs online program, the closed session agenda items did not get published for this board meeting last night. We will now hold a Special Board meeting to complete the Closed Session business items on Thursday, 3/14 at 1 pm. There are no open session items on this agenda and no public action or comments.

As we get ready for the State tests, look out for my letter with the school schedules coming out early next week.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th. Join us in person or on YouTube.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent