



FROM THE DESK OF  
THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear MJUSD Community:

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! The first day of school today is going to be an exciting time and we started the day with district administration taking donuts for all staff across every campus. Thanks to Schools First for their generous donation to make this happen. I am looking forward to visiting all of our sites within the next few weeks.

At the Board meeting we heard about the professional development series, offered over a two-week period, that provided extensive options to certificated, classified and management staff and we counted over 680 participants in total. We welcomed a wonderful group of new administrators and teachers to our district and we know they had many choices and we thank them for choosing MJUSD. We have retained almost 75% of the new staff from last year.

We have many excellent opportunities for our students this year and our staff is ready. The process for the selection of a Student School Board member is underway and the selected candidate will take a seat at the dais in September. As you know, the Board invested heavily in improving teaching and learning environments in our schools and Covillaud Elementary and Foothill Intermediate students are walking into brand new classroom buildings, and LHS students have a brand new track to celebrate. In addition, MHS track construction is starting shortly as well as a new Science Lab at Yuba Gardens. For the first time all our elementary schools have a music teacher and we are excited to see the arts and music programs continue to grow. We are also hearing that a large number of athletes at Lindhurst are going to compete this year. How exciting is that? We know our coaches are going to enjoy building our sports programs as well. MHS has started the four-year Medical Academy and LHS has started the four-year Engineering Academy with the freshmen class. More honors courses are in the middle school and AP/Honors at the high school level.

At the Board yesterday, we celebrated Schools First, Marysville Rotary, and the Linda Lions for their generous donations. We also recognized members from the community for their support of the MJUSD Back to School Bash. We distributed nearly 1000 backpacks and will send the others to the school sites so they can distribute to students. The Board also heard the following presentations:

1. Summer program update from the Afterschool programs team.
2. School Site Plans from Edgewater, MCAA, Middle College Academy, and Olivehurst.
3. Criteria and steps in refunding the existing school bonds. The State Treasurer's Office explains that refunding bonds are issued to refinance a prior issue of bonds at a new, lower borrowing rate or under a new financing structure. These bonds are typically issued to achieve debt service savings, which are passed on to taxpayers in the form of lower property taxes.

The Board approved the following:

- Approved and Adopted Board Bylaw 9150 to have a Student School Board Member
- Several contracts for Special Education services
- BRCO to start the track at MHS
- Several FFA field trips for MHS and LHS

I urge our community to continue to celebrate the successes of our students and staff and recognize our passion and commitment to making MJUSD schools the best they can be. Four parent committees are operating this year; the Hmong, Hispanic, and African American committees will join the long-standing American Indian Parent Committee. Come to the meetings and get involved. We understand that comments and FB posts are not always factual; reach out to us and attend our meetings so you can learn and help us make collaborative decisions.

On behalf of the Board and Executive Cabinet, we wish everyone a safe, happy and positive school year.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent