



Morgan Hill Unified School District **Superintendent's Update**



We want to hear from you!

PARENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS: PLEASE READ. Good schools protect property values.



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in Education*

Fall 2019



Dear Morgan Hill Parents and Neighbors:

As Superintendent of Morgan Hill Unified School District, I am proud of the exciting and innovative teaching and learning that happens at each of our fourteen schools. As I visit classrooms throughout our school district, I find evidence of student success every day.

I see a direct relationship between outstanding teaching and learning, successful student outcomes, and quality school facilities. If there's one area where we have room to improve, it's our facilities. **The challenge we face is this: aging schools.** Our MHUSD Facilities Master Plan identified nearly a billion dollars in need to repair and modernize our local schools. The type of facilities upgrades we need go well beyond the scope of regular school maintenance budgets.

To fund our identified needs, we are exploring all available options, including the possibility of asking our community to support a local school bond. **While NO decisions have been made**, this study process is a priority for us in the 2019-20 school year.

Before important decisions are made, we want to hear from you! **What do YOU think?** Please complete our survey online at www.mhusd.org or contact me directly at feedback@mhusd.org or by calling **(408) 201-6000**. Thank you in advance for your continued interest and support of our Morgan Hill schools.

Sincerely,

Steve Betando

Morgan Hill USD Superintendent of Schools

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Morgan Hill Unified School District.*

Our MHUSD Goals



College & Career Readiness



Parent Engagement



Student Engagement



Priority #1:

College and Career Readiness for all MHUSD Students

- ▶ Retain and attract quality teachers.
- ▶ Provide advanced curriculum in math, English, science, engineering and technology that exceeds state standards.
- ▶ Protect the quality of education in our local public schools (MHUSD middle and high school students currently test 10-15% above the California average; here in Morgan Hill, we aim higher).
- ▶ Expand technology infrastructure in core subjects like math, science, engineering and technology to support vocational and career education programs that prepare students for the 21st Century economy.
- ▶ Bring all of our schools up to the standard of California Gold Ribbon schools (currently Britton Middle School, Martin Murphy Middle School, Ann Sobrato High School and Live Oak High School are California Gold Ribbon schools).
- ▶ Upgrade classrooms and school facilities at all school sites to ensure that all students are comfortable, safe and secure (studies show that students and teachers perform better in safe, modern classrooms and school facilities).



Take Our Survey and Join the Conversation!

The School Board will be making important decisions soon. Please go online and make YOUR voice heard.

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Our Challenge:

Aging School Facilities

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— Superintendent Steve Betando

Our Most Urgent Needs:

- ▶ **REPAIR OR REPLACE** deteriorated roofs, floors, insulation, plumbing, HVAC, electrical systems, wiring and restroom facilities.
- ▶ **UPGRADE** aging science, technology, engineering, math, vocational and career education classrooms and labs to prepare students for the 21st Century economy.
- ▶ **RETAIN AND ATTRACT** quality teachers by upgrading and modernizing our classrooms and facilities.
- ▶ **UPGRADE** fire alarms, fire sprinklers, security systems and install security fencing and lighting for improved student safety and security.
- ▶ **MODERNIZE** outdated electrical systems and wiring for computer technology and internet access.
- ▶ **RETROFIT** classrooms and schools to meet earthquake safety standards.
- ▶ **IMPROVE** physical education areas, outdoor spaces, fields, play equipment, multi-use facilities, pick-up/drop-off zones and parking areas for student health, safety and access for individuals with disabilities.
- ▶ **REPLACE** aging plumbing and electrical wiring systems to modernize infrastructure and increase energy efficiency and water conservation in all school facilities.

Our goal is to provide an educational setting with advanced technology and skills training needed to succeed in college and future careers in fields like science, engineering, technology and skilled trades. The longer we wait, the more expensive it will be.





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