



SAN MATEO-
FOSTER CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter

Superintendent's Update - October 2018

Dear San Mateo–Foster City Community,

I am hopeful that you have had some time to spend with your family during the October break. As we return to school, it will be a busy time with much to learn and many fun activities for our students. I look forward to seeing you at the various fall celebrations over the next couple of months. I wanted to share with you the latest District news and recent School Board actions.



Single Plans for Student Achievement

At our September 27 meeting, ten schools reviewed their SPSA's with the Board of Trustees: Bayside Academy, Baywood, Borel, College Park, Highlands, LEAD, North

Shoreview Montessori, Parkside Montessori, San Mateo Park and Sunnybrae. It is always impressive to hear about the work that staff is doing to support student learning, wellness and family engagement. The Trustees will receive a presentation from the ten remaining schools before their regularly scheduled meeting on October 25 at 5:15 pm.

Board Resolutions

Three resolutions were passed at the September 27 Board meeting. One recognized **LGBTQ+ Month** and expressed support. Another was passed in recognition of the **Week of the School Administrator** (October 8-14). And, there was significant discussion related to an **Equity Resolution**. This resolution outlines action steps for the District to establish an Equity Task Force. All resolutions can be accessed on our [September 27, 2018 Board Agenda](#).

Equity Task Force

The Equity Task Force will review district policies, evaluate LCAP spending and the overall District budget with an Equity lens, work with the Communications Committee to prioritize communications, monitor student progress toward achievement goals and provide recommendations and solutions to the Board of Trustees. Watch for further information on the process for application to the Equity Task Force.

Sanctuary Task Force

At the August 23, 2018 Board meeting, the San Mateo–Foster City School District Trustees received a presentation on actions taken by the Oakland Unified School District Sanctuary Task Force. Our Trustees had previously passed a resolution in support of our undocumented students and our District has support protocols in place. The next step is to set up a Sanctuary Task Force to bring further information to our community, spear head educational events and bring materials to the classroom. Watch for more information as this work unfolds.

Budget

Budget-wise, the Trustees discussed how to address the District's \$5 million structural deficit. Reductions were considered and can be found on our [September 27, 2018 Board Agenda](#). Any reduction would be difficult, but \$5 million is especially heart-breaking. We have already increased revenues through our enterprise funds and facility rentals. Additionally, the Board placed the [Measure V – Excellence in Education parcel tax](#), on the upcoming November ballot. During public comment the last two board meetings, it was reported that both CSEA and SMETA support **Measure V**.

Labor Negotiations

The San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association and the San Mateo–Foster City School District

have reached an impasse in negotiations. The District will continue to work in good faith with SMETA to bring the current contract negotiations to a fair, reasonable, and fiscally responsible resolution. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the [Labor and Negotiations](#) page.

Education Foundation

We continue to be grateful to the San Mateo–Foster City School District Education Foundation for their support of District programs. The recent Run2FunD at Hillsdale High was a huge success both in terms of community building and fundraising. Thank you to President Colleen Sullivan, the Education Foundation Board and the many volunteers who supported this event.

Sincerely,

Joan Rosas, Ed.D.

Superintendent

Upcoming Events



COFFEE CHATS
are held for coffee and conversation. Meetings are designed to provide an avenue for school families and community members to stay informed about District initiatives and learn more

about the great things taking place in San Mateo-Foster City schools. We hope to see you there!

Meetings are held in four different areas of our District, but parents and community members are welcome to attend any or all Chats.

- 2018-2019 SCHEDULE -

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

9:00-10:00 am

Bayside Academy

Important Dates

Fri, Oct 5 - Fri, Oct 19

Fall Break - No School

Tue, Oct 23

Superintendent Coffee Chat,
9:00 am - Bayside Academy

Thu, Oct 25

SPSA Presentations, 5:15 pm
Board Meeting, 6:30 pm -
District Office

Mon, Oct 29

K/TK Info Meeting, 6:00-7:30
pm – San Mateo Performing
Arts Center

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

6:30-7:30 pm

Abbott Middle School

600 36th Avenue, San Mateo

*Spanish translation provided

Thursday, March 28, 2019

5:30-6:30 pm

Baywood Elementary

600 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo

*Spanish translation provided

Thu, Nov 1

Board Meeting, 6:30 pm -

District Office

Mon, Nov 12

Veteran's Day - No School

Thu, Nov 15

Board Meeting, 6:30 pm -

District Office

Wed, Nov 21 - Fri, Nov 23

Thanksgiving Break - No

School

SMFCSD Kindergarten & TK Information Meeting for New Students - October 29th



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Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Information Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018

6:00 – 7:30 PM

San Mateo Performing Arts Center

600 N. Delaware Street, San Mateo

For parents/guardians of incoming Kindergarten & Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Students
for the 2019-2020 school year

- Kindergarten Eligible – 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2019
- TK Eligible – 5 years of age on or between September 2–December 2, 2019

- Parents/Guardians only, no childcare available

Learn more about:

- School Registration
- School Transfer Options
- Magnet School Programs

Spanish translation provided

For more information:

www.smfcisd.net or 650.312.7345



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Reunión Informativa Sobre Kindergarten y Kindergarten Transicional

LUNES 29 DE OCTUBRE DE 2018
6:00–7:30 PM

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600 N. Delaware Street, San Mateo

Para padres/tutores de nuevos alumnos de Kindergarten y Kindergarten Transicional (TK)
para el año escolar 2019-2020

- Elegible para Kindergarten - cumplen 5 años de edad el 1ro de septiembre del 2019 o antes
 - Elegible para TK - cumplen 5 años de edad del 2 de septiembre al 2 de diciembre del 2019
- Sólo para padres/tutores, no habrá cuidado de niños

Aprenda más acerca de:

- Matrícula para la escuela
- Opciones de traslado
- Programas de escuelas especializadas

Se proveerá traducción en español

Para mayor información:
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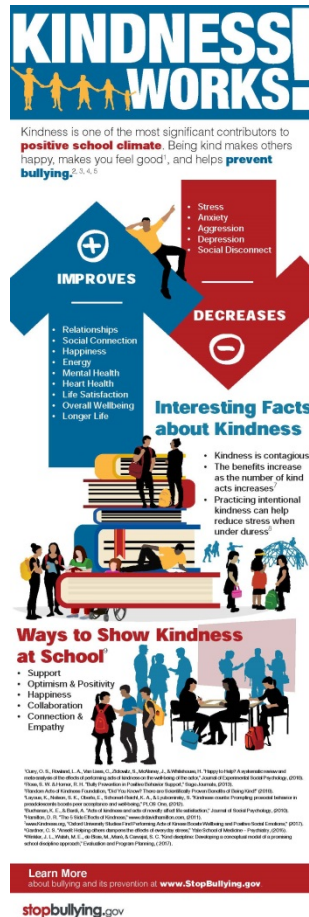
October 30th is SMFCSD Walk to School Day!



Join your friends and Walk & Roll to School!

Do you know children need at least 60 minutes a day of physical activity? Help your child get a head start on their minutes first thing each morning by walking or biking to school. Start this healthy habit on **Tuesday, October 30** for **SMFCSD Walk to School Day**. If you live farther away, take a bus with your child and walk from the bus stop, or park several blocks away from school and walk from there. You will spend quality time with your child while making streets safer by reducing the number of vehicles on the road. Walking to school also improves air quality. A student who walks or bikes to school twice a week for one school year keeps 131 pounds of pollution out of our air. **Check with your child's school to find out what activities are planned for Walk to School Day.** It's cool to walk to school!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month



KINDNESS WORKS!

Kindness is one of the most significant contributors to **positive school climate**. Being kind makes others happy, makes you feel good¹, and helps **prevent bullying**^{2,3,4,5}.

IMPROVES

- Relationships
- Social Connection
- Happiness
- Energy
- Mental Health
- Heart Health
- Life Satisfaction
- Overall Wellbeing
- Longer Life

DECREASES

- Stress
- Anxiety
- Aggression
- Depression
- Social Disconnect

Interesting Facts about Kindness

- Kindness is contagious⁶
- The benefits increase as the number of kind acts increases⁷
- Practicing intentional kindness can help reduce stress when under duress⁸

Ways to Show Kindness at School⁹

- Support
- Optimism & Positivity
- Happiness
- Collaboration
- Connection & Empathy

¹Clark, C. S., Hershfield, J. A., MacLean, C. L., Zaki, S., O'Donoghue, T., & O'Donoghue, T. (2019). The power of kindness: A meta-analysis of the effects of kindness on well-being. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*, 82(1), 1-15.
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Learn More about bullying and its prevention at www.StopBullying.gov

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Measure V Parcel Tax Election Information

*See flyers below



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NOVEMBER 6, 2018 MEASURE V ELECTION INFORMATION



Our District has enacted a variety of methods over the years to meet the rising costs of doing business and to manage the loss of funding from the expiration of the Measure A parcel tax, including \$3 million in budget reductions. We have also increased our revenue streams through the amplified activity of our Education Foundation, grant opportunities, and additional funding from our for-profit ventures in early childhood education & after school care. Even with these actions, the District faces a \$5 million deficit, which will have to be addressed by the spring of 2019. Without additional revenue, our schools will have to eliminate programs and reduce staffing. The Board of Trustees has taken another step by placing **Measure V** on the November ballot to address this deficit.

LOCAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT STRONG EDUCATION

The funding models for our schools have been inconsistent and unreliable, jeopardizing key programs within our schools and casting uncertainty into the future.

On November 6, 2018 voters in the San Mateo-Foster City School District will be asked to vote on **Measure V**. This Measure would give our schools a consistent and reliable source of revenue that would generate roughly \$10 million annually for 9 years (a \$298 per parcel tax adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index) so that the District can:

- Attract and retain excellent teachers and staff;
- Provide outstanding reading, writing, math and science programs;
- Enhance programs including science, technology, engineering and math; and
- Support art, drama and music programs

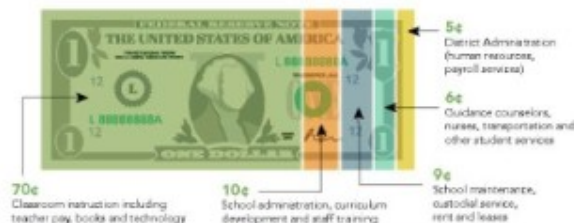
CURRENT EXPENDITURE PER STUDENT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, 2016-2017

\$25,385	Woodside Elementary
\$22,869	Portola Valley Elementary
\$18,858	Hillsborough City Elementary
\$18,615	La Honda-Pescadero Unified
\$18,022	Las Lomas Elementary
\$16,990	San Mateo Union High
\$16,726	Belmont Elementary
\$16,658	Sequoia Union High
\$16,282	Ravenswood City Elementary
\$15,903	Menlo Park City Elementary
\$13,004	Bayshore Elementary
\$12,315	Redwood City Elementary
\$11,901	Jefferson Union High
\$11,564	San Carlos Elementary
\$11,548	State Average
\$11,027	South San Francisco Unified
\$10,780	Jefferson Elementary
\$10,747	Cabrillo Unified
\$10,321	San Bruno Park Elementary
\$10,307	Belmont-Redwood Shores
\$10,151	San Mateo-Foster City
\$9,927	Pacific
\$9,894	Burlingame Elementary
\$9,842	Millbrae Elementary

SMFC School District is 20th out of 23 County Districts in expenditure per student.

To learn more about Measure V,
visit our website www.smfcsd.net

WHERE DOES YOUR SCHOOL DOLLAR GO? 2017-2018 School Year



ALL FUNDS SPENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

Measure V will support our staff and innovative STEM/Arts programs. By law, all of the funds generated by this measure would be spent in our school district and none of the funds can be taken by the state or federal government, nor used for administrator salaries. The Measure will have exemptions for seniors (property owners, age 65+) and will establish an independent citizen oversight committee, annual audits, and reports to the community to ensure the funds will be spent as promised.

VOTING OPTIONS

San Mateo County voters now have two easy options to vote: Vote by Mail and Vote Centers. Both options are available 29 days before Election Day, providing a convenient range of voting days to meet anyone's schedule.



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GASTO ACTUAL POR ESTUDIANTE DISTRITOS ESCOLARES DEL CONDADO, 2016-2017

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Distrito Escolar SMFC es 20 de los 23
Distritos Escolares en gastos por estudiante.

OPCIONES PARA VOTAR

Los votantes del Condado de San Mateo ahora tiene dos fáciles opciones para votar: Votar por Correo y los Centros de Votación. Las dos opciones están disponibles 29 días antes del Día de Elecciones, proporcionando un rango conveniente de días para cumplir con el calendario de cualquiera.

6 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2018 MEDIDA V INFORMACIÓN DE ELECCIÓN

Nuestro Distrito ha promulgado una variedad de métodos a lo largo del año para cumplir con el costo creciente de hacer negocio y manejar la pérdida de financiamiento debido al vencimiento del impuesto de parcela de la Medida A, incluyendo \$3 millones en reducciones al presupuesto. También hemos aumentado nuestros flujos de ingresos a través de la actividad amplificada de nuestra Fundación Educativa, oportunidades de subsidios, y financiamiento adicional de nuestras empresas con fines de lucro en educación temprana de niños & cuidado de niños. Incluso con estas acciones, el Distrito enfrenta un déficit de \$5 millones, cual tendrá que ser abordado para la primavera del 2019. Sin ingresos adicionales, nuestras escuelas tendrán que eliminar programas y reducir personal. La Junta Directiva ha tomado otro paso a través de poner la **Medida V** en la balota de noviembre para abordar este déficit.

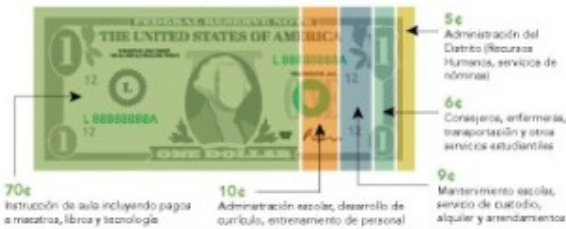
FINANCIAMIENTO LOCAL PARA APOYAR EDUCACIÓN FUERTE

Los modelos de fondos para nuestras escuelas han sido inconsistentes y poco fiables, poniendo en riesgo nuestros programas claves en nuestras escuelas y causando incertidumbre en el futuro.

El 6 de noviembre del 2018, a los votantes del Distrito Escolar San Mateo-Foster City se les pedirá que consideren **Medida V**. Esta Medida le daría a nuestras escuelas una fuente consistente y confiable de recursos, que generaría alrededor de \$10 millones anuales por 9 años (un impuesto de \$298 por parcela ajustado anualmente por el Índice de Precios de Consumo) para que el Distrito pueda:

- Atraer y retener maestros y personal excelente;
- Proporcionar programas sobresalientes de lectura, escritura, matemáticas, y ciencias;
- Mejorar programas incluyendo ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas; y
- Apoyar programas de arte, drama y música

¿DÓNDE VA SU DÓLAR ESCOLAR? Año Escolar 2017-2018

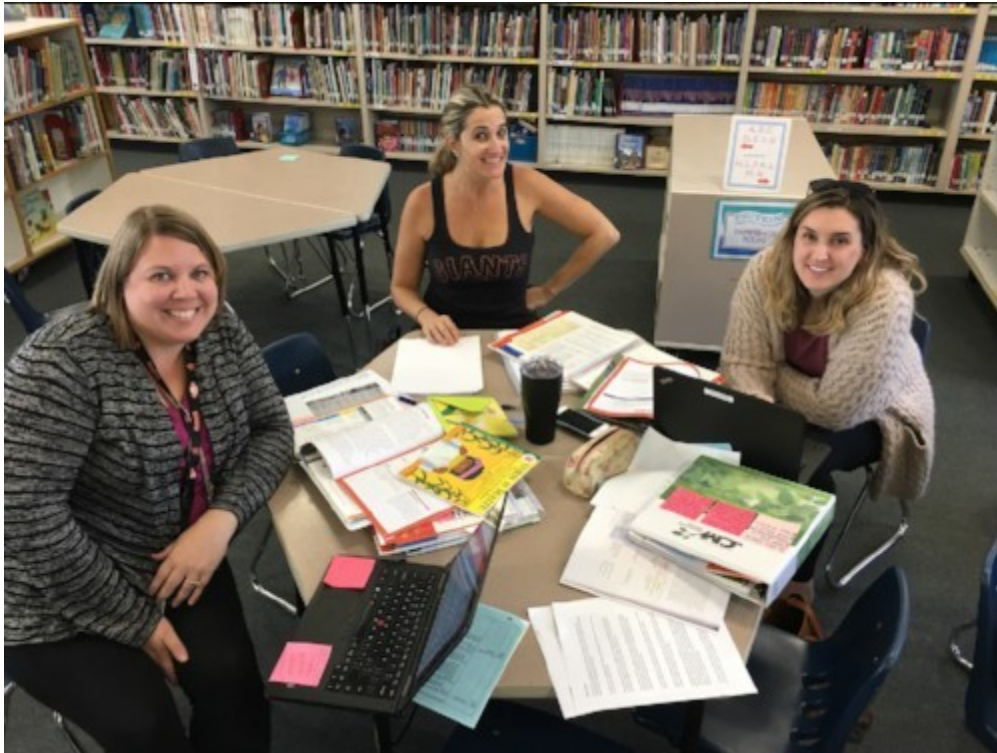


TODOS LOS FONDOS SERÁN UTILIZADOS EN NUESTRA COMUNIDAD

Esta **Medida V** apoyará a nuestro personal y programas innovadores STEM/ Artes. Según la ley, todos los fondos generados por esta medida serán utilizados en nuestro distrito escolar y ninguno de los fondos puede ser tomado por el gobierno estatal o federal, ni ser utilizado para salarios administrativos. Esta medida será exenta para las personas mayores (propietarias, mayores de 65 años) y establecerá un comité asesor de ciudadanos independientes, auditorios anuales, e informes a la comunidad para asegurar que los fondos sean utilizados como fue prometido.

Para obtener más información sobre la Medida V vaya a www.smfcisd.net

Teacher Professional Development Day



#WeAreSMFCSD

San Mateo-Foster City School District elementary staff spent Friday, October 5 setting reading goals & making instructional plans, while our middle schools worked with [Adolescent Counseling Services - Outlet Program](#) to find ways to provide inclusive, safe environments for LGBTQQ+ students & students with mental health issues. Thank you teachers for your commitment to our students and all you do!

Parkside Montessori Walk-A-Jog Success



Congratulations to Parkside Montessori on a successful Walk-A-Jog!

On September 28, [Parkside Montessori](#) held their Annual Walk-a-Jog event. Many staff members, students and alumni attended. They had an amazing turn-out of over 180 students! The run demonstrated how students are able to push themselves hard and have fun at the same time. Students participated in Jello-eating contests, cake walks, guessing staff baby pictures, face painting, and were able to choose from a variety of food options (including a popular food truck). This event caters to very wholesome, child-oriented activities and

is fabulous community building with endless smiles and good times. A big thank you all the teachers and staff who attended and supported the students during the event!

Laurel Elementary Raises \$75,000



Laurel Move-A-Thon a Huge Success!

On September 14, [Laurel Elementary](#) conducted their annual Move-A-Thon for their school community. All students moved to the beat as all students participated in fitness stations across the Laurel campus. This year's Move-A-Thon raised \$75,000 that will benefit programs such as physical education, Art in Action, Art and Science Day, Literacy Week, assemblies, field trips, and MORE! Thank you to our generous Laurel families for supporting our school!

San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation News



You are SUPER! Thank you for your support!

Thank you to everyone who played, volunteered and walked with us in the sunshine at the San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation's Run2FunD to raise money for our students! A special thank you to our generous sponsors: Chance to Excel, Peninsula Health Care District, Orthodontics of San Mateo, County Consumer Plumbing, Stacy Clark Real Estate Team, Amici's, Graniterock, Southwest Greens, CertaPro Painters, Bohannon and Mathnasium.

We would also like to thank Brendan Devane, Liz Wiegand and the Laurel Jump Team, Tiffany Belzer and Yohko Fick (our yoga teachers), Playworks, Core Taekwondo and the Wellness Fair booths for exercising our minds and our bodies and giving so generously of your time and talent.

Finally, thank you SMFC District staff and teachers for your support. Please visit www.smfcedfund.org for photos and winners.

SMFCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donations are tax-deductible. Tax ID 94-3110731.

School Board Meeting Highlights



To review board presentations, upcoming agendas, and previous meeting summaries - go to the [Board Agenda & Summaries page](#) of the SMFCSD website.

Summary of Recent Meetings

At the September 27, 2018 Board Meeting, the Trustees:

- Approved Resolution No. 11/18-19 Recognizing October as LGBTQ+ Month
- Approved Resolution No. 12/18-19 Recognizing October 8-14, 2018 as the Week of the School Administrator
- Approved Resolution No. 09/18-19 - Equity
- Held a Public Hearing, Resolution No. 10/18-19 - Sufficiency of Instructional Materials
- Discussed Budget Reductions for 2019-2020

At the September 13, 2018 Board Meeting, the Trustees:

- Discussed Resolution No. 09/18-19 - Equity
- Reviewed the 2017-2018 Unaudited Actuals - Draft
- Discussed Potential Budget Reductions for 2019-2020
- Amended the Superintendent's Agreement - extend by one year to end on June 30, 2020

All Board Meetings are open to the public and held at the San Mateo-Foster City School District Office - 1170 Chess Drive, Foster City at 6:30 pm. Community members are encouraged to attend.

2018-2019 SMFCSD Student Calendar

- August 14 - First Day of School
- August 31-September 3 - Labor Day Holiday
- October 5-19 - Fall Break
- November 12 - Veteran's Day Holiday
- November 21-23 - Thanksgiving Break
- December 21 - January 7 - Winter Break
- January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
- February 18 - President's Day Holiday
- March 11 - Teacher PD Day - No School
- April 1-12 - Spring Break
- May 27 - Memorial Day Holiday
- June 20 - Last Day of School



[2018-2019 SMFCSD Student Calendar](#) (pdf)

Parents - tired of manually entering important district dates into your calendar? Now you can export the SMFCSD Student Calendar to your device. Go to our [District Calendar](#) page and click on Export the SMFCSD Calendar.



As a member of the SMFCSD community, you are automatically subscribed to receive our district newsletter. If you would like to opt-out, please follow the unsubscribe directions listed on the bottom of this newsletter. We look forward to keeping you informed of the great things happening in our district!

