



SAN MATEO-
FOSTER CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Newsletter

Superintendent's Update - August 2018

Dear San Mateo–Foster City Community,

Welcome back! We are excited to begin the 2018-2019 school year! Over the last three years, our community has worked tirelessly to provide a high-quality educational program with systems to support student wellness in every school. Regular assessment practices, new materials for math and language arts, new technology, English Language Development programs in all schools, specialized reading programs in all of our elementary schools, specialized programming for students with special needs, counseling and intervention supports and parent engagement are just a few of the foundational building blocks that schools have set in place or enhanced. As we move forward it is essential that we maintain what we have started and move student achievement forward for all of our students by reviewing each child's progress through a culturally proficient lens, continuing our work with student wellness and safety and increasing parent engagement through communication and site activities. We are proud of the innovative programs in our district and



want to increase those opportunities in the areas of STEM and the arts. [Read more of the Superintendent's Update on the SMFCSD website](#)



#SMFCSDFirstDay

Welcome Back! Tag @SMFCSD or email your back-to-school photos to communication@smfcsd.net to have them featured on our Twitter/Facebook/Instagram pages the week of 8/20! Welcome back to all of our students and staff!
#SMFCSDFirstDay #WeAreSMFCSD

Upcoming Events

Thu, Aug 9

Board Meeting, 6:30 pm - District Office

Tue, Aug 14

First Day of School!

Thu, Aug 23

Board Meeting, 6:30 pm - District Office

Fri, Aug 31 - Mon, Sep 3

Labor Day Holiday - No School

Welcome New Administrators!

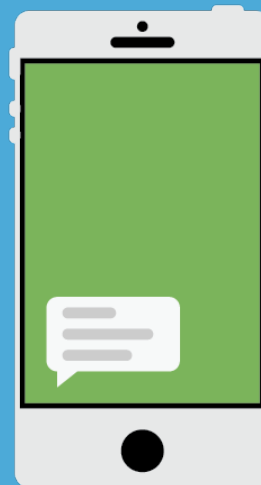


Kevin Sanders (Construction Project Manager), Aleyda Barrera-Cruz (Sunnybrae Principal), Heather Logan (Director of Special Education), David Chambliss (Assistant Superintendent of Education Services), Annaben Kazemi (George Hall Principal), Karrie Haselton (POSA for Preschool), Christian Rubalcaba (Laurel Principal), Sarah Drinkwater (Assistant Superintendent of Student Services), Deb Robert (Baywood Assistant Principal), Doug Garriss (Audubon Assistant Principal) & Danielle Tremain (POSA for Annex). Not pictured - Amanda Driscoll (Baywood Principal)

Stay In Touch with SMFCSD

The San Mateo-Foster City School District prides itself on our communication with our parents, staff and community. We communicate regularly through a variety of mediums including:

- **District Website** – www.smfcSD.net
- **SMFCSD Newsletter** – Sign up to receive district updates at www.smfcSD.net
- **Community Reports** – Mailed home to all residents in San Mateo and Foster City and available on our website
- **Facebook** – Like [San Mateo-Foster City School District](https://www.facebook.com/SanMateo-FosterCitySchoolDistrict)
- **Twitter** – Follow us [@SMFCSD](https://twitter.com/SMFCSD)
- **Instagram** - NEW this year, follow us on [@smfcSD](https://www.instagram.com/smfcSD)
- **School Newsletters/Email Blasts** – Ask your child's school how to sign up



- **Emergency & Text Notifications** – Parents/Guardians are automatically enrolled to receive time-sensitive information. To receive text messages, text the word “YES” to 67587 from a wireless device

We periodically email out newsletters/community notices and send emergency text messages when needed. As a parent/guardian in our school district, you are automatically subscribed to these services. If you would like to opt-out, please follow the unsubscribe directions listed on the bottom of the e-newsletter or embedded in the text message. We look forward to keeping you informed of the great things happening in our district! [#WeAreSMCSD!](#)





**SAN MATEO-
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Excellence in Education

The San Mateo-Foster City School District offers innovative approaches to learning, ensuring your child will not only learn the basics, but will also become well prepared for high school, college and careers. Over the years, our schools have provided high quality education and have been acknowledged for their outstanding programs. Our mission is to continue to build on this strong foundation, ensuring all students succeed.



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. In addition, following the defeat of Measure Y in March 2017, our schools face a structural deficit of approximately \$5 million annually. Without additional revenue, our schools will have to eliminate programs and reduce staffing.

On November 6, 2018 voters in the San Mateo-Foster City School District will be asked to vote on the Excellence in Education Measure. 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

Attracting and Retaining Teachers

Studies show that teachers impact student achievement rates more than any other aspect of schooling. We live in one of the most expensive communities in the nation and the high cost of living has made it difficult for our teachers to stay in our community. As a result, there is a local teacher shortage. This Measure would allow us to provide teachers with increased compensation, so we can attract and retain teachers and improve student outcomes.

All Funds Spent in Our Community

This Measure 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 and will establish an independent citizen oversight committee, annual audits, and reports to the community to ensure the funds will be spent as promised.

Learn more about the Excellence in Education Measure

Please visit www.smfcsd.net for additional information. If you have any questions, or would like to provide feedback, please contact Superintendent Dr. Joan Rosas at (650) 312-7348 or jrosas@smfcsd.net.



~ SAVE THE DATE ~
Run2FunD Education
A Health & Wellness Fair
Sunday,
September 23, 2018
2:00-5:00pm

Come join the fun and see
who will win Best Costume!



Look for more details in August.
Or visit us at <https://smfcedfund.org/>
The San Mateo-Foster City Education
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~ APARTE LA FECHA~
Run2FunD Education
Una Feria de Salud y Bienestar
El Domingo,
23 de septiembre de 2018

De 2:00-5:00 p.m.
Ven y únete a la diversión y sabrás
quien ganará el premio por tener el
mejor disfraz!



Encontraras más detalles en agosto.
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School Board Meeting Summaries & Upcoming Agendas

The next SMFCSD Board Meeting is August 9, 2018.

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

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 7:00 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.



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