



SAN MATEO-  
FOSTER CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Newsletter

## Superintendent's Update - June 2018

Dear San Mateo–Foster City Community,

The end of the year in our school community is a time of celebrations and planning for new beginnings. We have enjoyed final projects, drama productions, concerts and field days. We appreciate our staff and send best wishes to those who are retiring after many dedicated years with our District and look forward to new staff coming on board for the upcoming school year. We are proud of the accomplishments of the 2017-2018 school year and excited to see what 2018-2019 will bring!

### School Year Highlights

In looking back over the year, highlights include:

- **Curriculum Advances** - The use of the new standards-aligned math curriculum and language arts program were significant undertakings. We continued our focus on early literacy and supporting English Learners. In fact, this year we celebrated over 200 English Learners who tested proficient in the English language throughout our District. Implementation of these new programs have required substantial efforts on the part of our teaching staff and we thank them for continuing to improve instruction.
- **Student Wellness** - We provided additional programming and support for our students throughout the year including the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program, which was piloted at the three San Mateo middle schools and will start at

Bowditch next year. The AVID program supports students who may be the first in their family to attend college. Work in the area of mental health continues to be a focus for our students through our counseling programs, Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) programming and Restorative Practices.

- **Parent Engagement** - Six schools participated in the Family Engagement Learning Institute in order to develop a team approach to support academic achievement and social-emotional learning. Parents continue to significantly support our schools through volunteer hours and donations.
- **School Safety** - School safety continues to be on everyone's radar. Our District conducted a safety inventory and made facilities adjustments that will continue over the summer. Specialized emergency preparedness training was provided regarding evacuation drills, alternative family reunification sites, and active shooter training. District staff will be working throughout the summer on protocols to further ensure student safety.

### Community Partners

Our Community Partners were especially busy this year and we can't thank them enough for all they give to our students each year from book donations, gardens and gardening equipment, funding for projects, tutoring and more.

### Excellence in Education Measure on November 2018 Ballot

Our district is chronically underfunded and, despite efforts to increase efficiencies, we face an ongoing structural budget gap. The Trustees voted to place a parcel tax measure on the ballot for the November 2018 election. The measure is \$298 with a CPI for nine years providing \$10 million in annual revenue for our District and would provide the funding we need to attract and retain excellent teachers, enhance core academics, provide innovative science and technology programs, and support the arts. This proposed measure includes an exemption for seniors and provides for an independent citizens oversight committee to ensure all funds are spent as promised. To learn more, visit [www.smfcSD.net](http://www.smfcSD.net) and watch for more information about the parcel tax measure in coming months.

I wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Sincerely,  
**Joan Rosas, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

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### San Mateo Park Elementary Opens Garden

Congratulations to San Mateo Park Elementary on the opening of your amazing edible garden! The garden was funded through the [Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant Program](#), created in partnership with FoodCorps to help schools connect to real food through gardening. A special THANK YOU to Mr. Aviña for his hard work and dedication in building this beautiful garden!

### Upcoming Events

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**Thu, Aug 9**

Board Meeting, 7:00 pm -  
District Office

**Tue, Aug 14**

First Day of School!

**Thu, Aug 23**

Board Meeting, 7:00 pm -  
District Office

**Thu, Sep 3**

Labor Day Holiday - No  
School

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**Congratulations 8th Grade Graduates! We wish you all the best in high school and beyond!**

*Do not go where the path may lead;  
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.  
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*



Bayside Academy Graduation



Abbott Middle School Graduation - Orchestra Performance



Bowditch Middle School Graduation




**Congratulations Retirees!**  
We thank you for your years of service to our students and wish you all the best!



(Retirees in alphabetical order: Peter Babnis, Eloise Baca, Nina Boire, Victorino Cervantes-Perez, Inesa Drabkin, Marcia Elmore, Chris Fontana, Sharon Ghigliazza, Kelly Greene, Thomas Haycock, Sue Iveson, Beatriz Johnston, Esper Marszalec, Robin May, Julie Murphy, Kathryn Nasse, Miriam Nathanson, Richard Ramon, Kimberly Rosaia, Maile Sweeney, Donna Vavuris, Rosa Wallace, Jerryan Whiteman, Peter Woods)

## San Mateo-Foster City School District

English ▼

  
**Aeries**<sup>®</sup>  
Student Information System

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Welcome to the San Mateo-Foster City Parent Portal

## SMFCSD to Launch New Aeries Parent Portal for Updates to Student Information

**Attention Parents/Guardians!** We are pleased to announce the opening of the Parent Portal in our Student Information System (Aeries). This will allow families to login to the system to update and verify their child's contact information and complete required annual SMFCSD forms for the 2018-2019 school year. This process is called Student Data Confirmation and the window will be open to make changes from **Wednesday, August 1, 2018 – Friday, August 31, 2018**.

An email invitation to update your child's information will be sent to parents/guardians on **August 1, 2018**. For families who do not have access to a computer, paper forms will be available at your school site. **Please watch for this important email in August.**

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### 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](http://www.smfcsd.net)
- **SMFCSD Newsletter** – Sign up to receive district updates at [www.smfcsd.net](http://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/SanMateoFosterCitySchoolDistrict)
- **Twitter** – Follow us [@SMFCSD](https://twitter.com/SMFCSD)
- **School Newsletters/Email Blasts** – Ask your child's school how to sign up
- **Emergency 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!](https://twitter.com/WeAreSMCSD)

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### Fiesta Gardens Student Wins Essay Contest!

Congratulations to Fiesta Gardens student, **Victoria Battistini**, who was the winner of the Native Sons of the Golden West 4th Grade Essay Contest! The topic of Victoria's essay was the importance of immigrants in California.

The [Native Sons of the Golden West \(NSGW\)](#) organization encourages students in fourth grade to study history and develop a particular interest in the subject. To encourage students to improve their writing skills, about one-third of NSGW parlors sponsor essay contests. There is a great flexibility in topics students are permitted to select and each year an overall statewide essay contest winner is selected. That student's essay is published in the statewide newspaper and displayed for the coming year at their museum in Columbia State Park.

Victoria's teacher - Leticia Navarro, Principal - Jeannette Ramirez, as well as classmates and family, were present for the award presentation! Great Job Victoria!



**Website Reveal!** It was time to beautify, upgrade and make our site mobile friendly for you to enjoy and share. Check it out [here](#)! A huge thank you to Bob Hardy for making this happen!

**New instruments!** Next year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have new clarinets and flutes to play. Thank you to Michael Moy and Stephanie Acker Moy and a local bank's Read-A-Thon matching grant for putting instruments in the hands of 58 students!

**Art Show!** LEAD Elementary celebrated their student artists Thursday, May 24 with 580 pieces of art. Thank you to Chance to Excel for funding Art in Action and to the wonderful volunteer docents and helpers for your dedication in bringing art to LEAD's students.

**Save the date!** Sunday, September 23, 2018 for RUN2FunD Education, a Health and Wellness Fair.

**DONATE TODAY** at [www.smfcedfund.org](http://www.smfcedfund.org). SMFCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID 94-3110731









CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES

SAN MATEO-  
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## SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Free for all kids 18 and under!!!

No paperwork necessary



FRIENDS  
FREE MEALS  
FUN

Lunch served from

**12:00 PM – 12:30 PM at LEAD and Bayside**

**12:15 PM – 12:45 PM at College Park**

**Monday thru Friday**

*No Lunch served on July 4th*



**Bayside Academy**

2025 Kehoe Ave.  
San Mateo, CA 94403

Lunch will be served in the Kitchen

*Serving June 27th – July 24th*

**LEAD Elementary**

949 Ocean View Avenue  
San Mateo, CA 94402

Lunch will be served in the LGI

*Serving July 2nd – August 3rd*

**College Park Elementary**

715 Indian Avenue  
San Mateo, CA 94401

Lunch will be served in the MPR

*Serving June 25th – August 10th*

For More information please call Child Nutrition Services at 650-312-1968

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SERVICIOS DE NUTRICIÓN

**PROGRAMA DE ALMUERZO DE VERANO**  
**¡¡¡Gratis para niños 18 y menores!!!**  
No se requiere papeleo

 **AMIGOS  
COMIDAS  
GRATIS  
DIVERTIDO**

Se sirve el almuerzo desde  
**12:00 PM – 12:30 PM a LEAD y Bayside**  
**12:15 PM – 12:45 PM a College Park**  
**Lunes a Viernes**  
No se sirve almuerzo el 4 de Julio



<b>Academia Bayside</b> 2025 Kehoe Ave. San Mateo, CA 94403 Almuerzo se sirve en la Cocina Sirviendo Junio 27 a Julio 24	<b>Primaria LEAD</b> 949 Ocean View Avenue San Mateo, CA 94402 Almuerzo se sirve en el LCI Sirviendo Julio 2 a Agosto 3	<b>Primaria College Park</b> 715 Indian Avenue San Mateo, CA 94401 Almuerzo se sirve en el MPR Sirviendo Junio 25 a Agosto 10
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Para más información por favor llame a Servicios de Nutrición de Niños al 650-312-1968  
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## School Board Meeting Summaries & Upcoming Agendas

### Board Meeting Summary - June 21, 2018

The San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees:

- Recognized the San Mateo-Foster City Education Foundation for their Donation
- Recognized Sergio Aviña for the San Mateo Park Elementary School Garden Project
- Recognized and viewed a performance by the Laurel Elementary School Jump Team
- Approved Resolution No. 28/17-18 Calling for a November 6, 2018 Ballot Election to Establish a Parcel Tax
- Approved the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for 2018-2019



- Approved the Adopted 2018-2019 Budget
- Conducted a Public Hearing on a Proposed Increase to Developer Fees as Authorized by Education Code 17620
- Approved Resolution No. 27/17-18 Adjusting Developer Fees as Authorized By Education Code 17620
- Received an Update on Measure X Phase One Projects
- Received information on the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 411 Initial Proposal for 2018-2019 Successor Negotiations
- Conducted a Public Hearing on California Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 411 Initial Proposal for 2018-2019 Successor Negotiations with SMFCSD
- Received information on the SMFCSD Initial Proposal for the 2018-2019 Successor Negotiations with California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 411
- Conducted a Public Hearing on San Mateo-Foster City School District (SMFCSD) Initial Proposal for 2018-2019 Successor Negotiations with California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 411
- Approved the Employment Contract Renewal for the Chief Business Official
- Approved the Employment Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
- Approved the Extension of the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Contract
- Approved the Employment Contract for the Assistant Superintendent for Education Services

#### **Board Meeting Summary - June 7, 2018**

The San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees:

- Recognized our 2017-2018 Employee Retirees
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SMFCSD and the Foster City Council
- Approved the Instructional Minutes for the 2018-2019 School Year
- Approved policy updates for AB699
- Approved the USDA Foods and Commercial Food Products Provisioning Contract and the Producers Dairy Contract Extension
- Approved the Portable Relocation Project at Bayside Academy
- Approved the electrical part of the Portable Relocation Project at Bayside Academy
- Approved the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Server, Storage IP Intercom and VoIP Project
- Approved a Bid Tabulation for the Abbott Middle School Modernization Project
- Approved the Crossing Guard Agreement with the City of San Mateo
- Conducted a Public Hearing on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the 2018-2019 Budget
- Reviewed a Draft Local Accountability Plan (LCAP) 2018-2019
- Reviewed a Draft of the 2018-2019 Budget
- Received information on the 2018-2019 Fund Balance Excess of the Minimum Reserve Level
- Accepted information on a Pipeline Risk Assessment Report for the Fourth Elementary School in Foster City

#### **Board Meeting Summary - May 31, 2018**

The San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees:

- Participated in a Board Governance / Leadership Workshop

#### **Board Meeting Summary - May 23, 2018**

The San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees:



- Conducted a Closed Session discussion regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SMFCSD and the Foster City Council.

#### Board Meeting Summary - May 17, 2018

The San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees:

- Passed a Resolution for Classified Employee Appreciation Week
- Approved the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program
- Received information on the Foster City Levee
- Passed a Resolution in Support of Foster City Measure P
- Approved policy updates for AB699
- Received information on the Title I Funding Program and District Needs Assessment
- Received a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update
- Received information on Special Education Student Achievement Data
- Approved the Instructional Technology Device Replacement Project
- Reviewed a draft of the November 2018 Parcel Tax Resolution

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 \(pdf\)](#)

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