



SAN MATEO-  
FOSTER CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Newsletter

## Superintendent's Letter - March 2018

Dear San Mateo-Foster City Community,

Spring has sprung and we have a lot going on in the San Mateo-Foster City School District!

### **New School Board Member**

Congratulations to new School Board Member **Kenneth Chin**! Sixteen members of our community submitted applications to be considered for the open position on the Board. At last night's Special Board Meeting, each applicant answered a series of first-round interview questions, then the Trustees picked their top candidates to continue on for a second interview. From the second-round of interviews, Trustee Chin was selected and sworn in as our newest Board Member. Welcome on board Mr. Chin!



### Special Board Meeting on Polling Results - Monday, March 26, 2018 - 5:00 pm

On Monday, March 26 the Trustees will hear the results of the polling done to determine the level of community support for a parcel tax. These results are significant in deciding whether to move forward with a parcel tax and we encourage all interested staff, families and community members to attend this meeting.

### Study Session on Student Achievement on Tuesday, March 13

On March 13 the Board of Trustees engaged in a Data Walk of CAASPP results to learn more about and discuss our student performance in the areas of math and language arts. They looked at district-wide data, subgroup data and school data. As you may know from your own school data meetings, there are students who are performing well and, yet, we continue to have some groups of students who are not meeting the standards that we expect. This review of data was followed by impressive presentations of promising practices which, if implemented with consistency over time, would result in a positive change to this opportunity gap. I am very appreciative and want to thank the staff who made the time to share information with our Trustees.

We are coming up on our Spring Break and I hope you are able to take some time to rest, re-energize and enjoy time your children and family.

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

## Borel Drama Production

*Come see what these Lost Boys are laughing about  
March 23 - 25th  
at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center!*  
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AT [WWW.BORELDRAMA.COM](http://WWW.BORELDRAMA.COM)



## Upcoming Events

**Thu, March 22**  
Board Meeting, 7:00  
pm - District Office

**Mon, March 26**  
Polling Results, 5:00  
pm - District Office

**Mon, April 2 - Fri, April  
13**  
Spring Break, No  
School

**Thu, April 19**  
Board Meeting, 7:00  
pm - District Office

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## Congratulations to our Teacher Leaders!

The San Mateo County Office of Education held their fourth annual regional Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teachers and Teaching (ECET2) Bay Area Convening, designed to elevate the teaching profession and celebrate teacher leaders. ECET2 Bay Area is an invitation-only event to which attendees must be nominated by their peers or an administrator. Congratulations to our 13 teachers from San Mateo-Foster City School District that were honored!

- Jessica Alva, Teacher, George Hall Elementary
- Nichole Crawford, Teacher, Audubon Elementary
- Fernando Figueroa, Teacher on Special Assignment, Borel Middle
- Kristy Jackson, Teacher, College Park Elementary
- Jen Kawakami, Teacher, Meadow Heights Elementary
- Melinda Lin, Teacher, George Hall Elementary
- Kristal Miles, Teacher, Sunnybrae Elementary
- Oceane Stanek, Teacher, George Hall Elementary
- Priscilla Thomas, Teacher, Sunnybrae Elementary
- Kristin Vogel-Campbell, Teacher on Special Assignment, District Office
- Susan Wright, Teacher on Special Assignment, District Office
- Robin York, Teacher, Sunnybrae Elementary



## Local Control Accountability Plan Stakeholder Engagement



The San Mateo-Foster City School District works with parents, staff members and community members to create the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The three-year plan lays out our district goals for providing a quality education to over 12,000 students in preschool through eighth grade. LCAP Stakeholder Engagement meetings are currently taking place at your school site during PTA, English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC), School Site Council and staff meetings. The Superintendent has also been engaging the community regarding LCAP at her

Superintendent Coffee Chats over the past few months.

Community Members, PLEASE COMPLETE OUR LCAP STAKEHOLDER SURVEY -

[https://smfcsd.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2t54uLftnnX0jpX](https://smfcsd.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2t54uLftnnX0jpX)

Parents, you were emailed your link to the survey via the email address we have on file in our student information system. Paper versions are also available, please contact your School Principal or the District Office Ed Services Department if you need one.

The deadline to complete the survey has been extended to Thursday, March 30.

[For more information on the 2017-2018 LCAP Stakeholder Engagement Process and Timeline visit the LCAP page of the SMFCSD website.](#)

## 7th Grade Puberty Informational Workshop

You are invited to join us for a fun and interactive workshop in a safe and friendly environment as we explore the why, what, when and how of talking with adolescents about sexual health. Our goal is to equip and encourage parents to become 'Askable Adults' so that they may confidently engage their children in conversations about sexual health and relationships. This workshop is designed for parents with adolescent children.

Health Connected has been serving youth and parents in the Bay Area with their superior sexual health and relationships education for over 20 years. Health Connected strives to empower parents and trusted adults with knowledge and skills to effectively engage their children in open and honest conversations about sexual health.

**Informational Workshop on Puberty for Parents/Guardians**  
**Thursday, March 29, 2018**  
Borel Middle School Library  
425 Barneson Ave, San Mateo  
\*Spanish translation available

Please reserve your space by registering at <http://bit.ly/msparenttalk18>



San Mateo-Foster City School District presents...

### How to Talk "The Talk"

A Health Connected PARENT WORKSHOP  
March 29, 2018 - 6:30-8:00pm - Borel Middle School

<b>For:</b> Parents and trusted adults of adolescent children	<b>Health Connected</b> has been serving youth and parents in the Bay Area with their superior sexual health and relationships education for over 20 years. Health Connected strives to empower parents and trusted adults with knowledge and skills to effectively engage their children in open and honest conversations about sexual health.
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<b>Time:</b> 6:30pm-8:00pm	
<b>Location:</b> Borel Middle School Library 425 Barneson Ave, San Mateo	

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**Please register at: <http://bit.ly/msparenttalk18>**  
Spanish translation will be available upon request.

400 Barneson Ave | Redwood City, CA 94062 | 415.567.1937 | [www.healthconnected.org](http://www.healthconnected.org) | [info@healthconnected.org](mailto:info@healthconnected.org)

## Month of Community Building & Kindness at Borel



February was an amazing month of community building and kindness at Borel. As always, expectations of our students were high, but their creative and inspiring door creations exceeded all hopes! Our winning door slogan, “We are all a piece of the puzzle,” is already being turned into inspirational blue bracelets for all students and staff. The student-developed slogan is very fitting and we are very thankful to students, staff and families for the vital role each person plays in creating this amazing school community.

**The Pennies for Patients fundraiser raised over \$4,200!** In addition to the Monday Moments about our No Bully Policy and Appropriate Online Posting, Ms. Notte and Ms. Felix also presented to students reminders for a successful Spring. They were a great audience and asked really good questions. Special thanks to Kasvi, Michelle, Ainsley and Sara from Student Council who helped present!

Please check out the [Borel Middle School website](#) for a slide of the doors and our spring review.

## City of San Mateo is Excited to Announce the Operation Eagle - Homecoming 50 Years Historic Parade on Saturday, March 24

The City of San Mateo is excited to announce...

Operation Eagle Visit  
Homecoming 50 Years Historic Parade  
Saturday, March 24 starting at 11:00 am  
Downtown San Mateo

This event commemorates the City's historic adoption of the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army in 1968, and celebrates the community spirit that keeps this supportive relationship going through the present day.

Along with San Mateo, the cities of Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, Foster City, Hillsborough, Millbrae, San Carlos and San Bruno have



adopted units in the 101st Airborne and are collaborating to welcome 50 troops and veterans to numerous events on the Peninsula on the weekend of March 23-25, 2018. These three days of family-friendly activities are part of Operation Eagle Visit - Homecoming 50 Years, and the parade is the premier event that is expected to attract several thousand people to downtown San Mateo.

We hope you will join us at the parade and festival! More details are available on our website here: [www.cityofsanmateo.org/101st](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/101st).

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## Voting in San Mateo County is Changing in June!



The Voter's Choice Act will go into effect for the June 5, 2018 election. As a result, all registered voters in the county will receive a mail-in ballot in May. Voters can mail it back in the postage-paid envelope they receive with the ballot, take it to a secure Ballot Drop-Off Box, or drop it off at any of the County's Vote Centers. They can also register to vote and vote in any Vote Center in the county. Look for a list of Ballot Drop-Off Boxes and Vote Centers at [smcacre.org](http://smcacre.org) soon. Remember: don't throw away your ballot as it has valuable information on how, where, and when to vote!

This message brought to you by the League of Women Voters of North & Central San Mateo County.

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## San Mateo Foster City Education Foundation

**Middle School Athletics needs your help!** We desperately need parents and community members to help us revamp our middle school athletic program so that we can continue to offer after-school athletics. We need representatives from Abbott, Bayside Academy, Borel, Bowditch & North Shoreview. If you have a current 5th – 8th grader or are a community member who values athletics and are interested in being a part of the

solution, please email [president@smfcedfund.org](mailto:president@smfcedfund.org).

Shout out to SMFC Ed Foundation board member **Liz Yeager** and all of the amazing school reading reps for making our 2nd annual Read-A-Thon a tremendous success. We will report out in more detail next month. Thank you so much to all the students, families, teachers and librarians for your dedication to encouraging reading and supporting all the students in our district!

To donate and find out more: [www.smfcedfund.org](http://www.smfcedfund.org). SMFCEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax ID 94-3110731



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## School Board Meeting Summaries & Upcoming Agendas

### Special Study Session Summary - March 13, 2018

The San Mateo-Foster City School District Board of Trustees engaged in a review and discussion of District and site-level academic achievement data and services designed to support student achievement. Participants joined in a Data Walk. District and site-level staff will present District actions and services designed to support academic achievement. The presentation included:

- Data Meetings
- Benchmark Advance
- SpringBoard
- enVision Mathematics
- Early Learning Math Initiative (Counting Collections)
- SMFC Math Collaborative (grades 3-5)
- College Preparatory Mathematics
- Math Foundations
- Reading intervention
- Special Education Mainstreaming
- AVID



### Board Meeting Summary - March 8, 2018

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

- Approved Resolution No. 15/17-18 in Honor of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Victims and in Support of Greater Measures to Promote School



- Safety (v)
- Received a draft of 2018-2019 Board Meeting Schedule
- Received updated enrollment numbers and projections from Demographer, Tom Williams
- Received information on the Annex and ASES After School Programs
- Received a presentation on OpenGov Stories and Townhall Software
- Approved Resolution No. 16/17-18: Application for the Carl Moyer Program and School Bus Project for Bus Replacement Funding (v)
- Received information on the San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association (SMETA) Initial Proposal for the 2018-2019 Reopener Negotiations
- Received information on the San Mateo-Foster City School District Initial Proposal for the 2018-2019 Reopener Negotiations with San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association (SMETA)
- Conducted a Public Hearing on San Mateo-Foster City District (SMFCSD) Initial Proposal for the 2018-2019 Reopener Negotiations with San Mateo Elementary Teachers Association (SMETA)
- Approved Resolution No. 14/17-18 for Reduction in Particular Kinds of Services for 2018-2019 (v)
- Received information on Skipping and Tie Breaking Criteria (v)

#### **Board Meeting Summary - February 22, 2018**

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

- Held a CSBA Delegate Assembly Election (v)
- Approved Trustees to fill Vacant Committee Seats
- Approved the STARTALK Grant Award application (v)
- Received information on the Sexual Health Curriculum Parent Education
- Approved Resolution No. 10/17-18 to Exempt the San Mateo-Foster City School District from the General Plan, Zoning and Ordinances of the City of San Mateo for Facilities Projects Funded by Measure X (v)
- Received information on the AB 1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement (CSEA)
- Approved CSEA-SMFCSD Tentative Agreement/Salary Schedules (v)
- Approved 2018-2019 Classified/Management Holiday Calendar (v)
- Approved Certificated Seniority List 2017-2018 (v)

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.

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## 2017-2018 SMFCSD Student Calendar

- August 15 - First Day of School
- September 1-4 - Labor Day Holiday
- October 6-20 - Fall Break
- November 10 - Veteran's Day Holiday
- November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Break
- December 22 - January 8 - Winter Break
- January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
- February 19 - President's Day Holiday
- March 12 - Teacher PD Day - No School
- April 2-13 - Spring Break
- May 28 - Memorial Day Holiday
- June 21 - Last Day of School



[2017-2018 SMFCSD Student Calendar](#) | [2018-2019 SMFCSD Student Calendar](#)

**NEW!** 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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