

February 3
2023

TUSD NEWS

Tracy Unified School District



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Superintendent's Office



Board Meetings:

February 14, 28

ERWs: February 1, 8, 15, 22

Minimum Day K-5, K-8:

February 10 - Minimum M-1

Lincoln's Birthday:

February 13 - No School

President's Day:

February 20 - No School

Job Fair:

February 25 - 8:30-1:30

Freiler School, 2421 W. Lowell Ave

TUSD Info Page: [View Here](#)
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In the Spotlight

Please take a moment to read through our school's learning activities and exciting events below! Follow this link:

[In the Spotlight page](#)



February is Black History Month and many of our teachers have learning activities lined up throughout the month. Check out our school websites to see the various activities and projects students are involved in.

Dr. Rob Pecot, Superintendent

The second half of the year is well underway, and there are plenty of exciting things happening in TUSD. February is Black History Month. Please enjoy the displays, works of art, and activities that are associated with Black History Month. Also, this month we celebrate Abraham Lincoln's Birthday and President's Day. We will have no school on Monday February 13th and Monday February 20th. Please take time during these holidays to educate yourself on the accomplishments of our United States Presidents.

This past week I was honored to attend the Tracy Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner. At the dinner, our very own Kimball High student, Julia Cordero, was honored as the Emerging Youth Leader of the Year, and Principal, Susan Hawkins was awarded the Educator of the Year for her work at North. Please join me in honoring these two pillars of our community.

At our last school board meeting trustees voted in favor of transitioning from our current at-large board member selection process to by-trustee area elections. This has been common practice in the state of California over the last 10 years. This will be a multi-year process that involves multiple steps of action by the school board.

Although we are not yet finished with all the 22/23 school year has to offer, preparations are already underway for the 23/24 school year. Student Services are processing transfer requests, counselors are beginning to register students for courses at the middle school and high school levels, and many of our upcoming facility upgrades are getting closer to starting. Please make sure that you are checking with staff and looking at our website to make sure that no deadlines are missed.

LCAP SURVEY

Don't forget to take the LCAP SURVEYS FOR STAFF, PARENT/COMMUNITY, AND STUDENTS. Surveys are OPEN THROUGH FEBRUARY 17TH!

Your input is critical. Your participation is needed to assist all schools in TUSD to continue to improve educational programs and celebrate positive changes and growth. Links to the surveys are found below:

[English & Spanish Parent survey Here](#)

[Staff Survey Here](#)

CONGRATULATIONS EMPLOYEES OF THE WINTER TERM

CERTIFICATED: Karen Evans (9-12), Maralee Thorburn (6-8), Jessica Cordano (K-5)

CLASSIFIED: Suzy Clark (9-12), Marissa Feller (6-8), Ricky Catalano (K-5)

MANAGEMENT: Ann Herrington (Stein High School)



In January the Governor released his proposed budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The Governor's Budget proposal provides the basis for state and local budget assumptions. The proposal is based on the State Finance Department's current economic forecasts and



Human Resources

Human Resources staff are planning another Job Fair. The event will tentatively be held on **February 25** for all positions, certificated and classified, from 8:30 to 1:30. Be sure to check the TUSD and school websites and Facebook pages for more information as our details are finalized.



Tracy Teachers Induction Program (TTIP)

So far this school year, Tracy Unified School District has welcomed 99 new teachers into the district through our TTIP program. This program engages all new teachers to TUSD in professional learning grounded in STEM, AVID, Rigor and Relevance, and more. TTIP teachers have the opportunity collaborate with each other through these professional learning opportunities, to gain strategies that can be implement into their own classrooms. The Professional Learning Department is currently working on scheduling Spring observations for small cohorts of grade alike TTIP teachers to observe best instructional practices from other veteran teachers in TUSD. After the observations, TTIP teachers will engage in a collaborative debrief session to share instructional strategies. The Professional Learning Department also host bi-monthly, Professional Learning Workshops grounded in research-based strategies focused on STEM, AVID, Engagement, and more. TTIP teachers attend two of these professional learning workshops during the school year as part of the TTIP program.

Buy-Back Day

TUSD offers two professional development buy-back days every year. The first buy-back day is district directed and held in August before the school year starts. The second buy-back day is planned by the school sites and was held on Friday, January 27, 2023. Over 275 teachers participated in the optional site buy-back day. Some of the sessions included a literacy focus, STEM activities, student engagement strategies, rubrics based on ICLE rigor, and PLC work. On Friday, January 27, 2023 there were also multiple professional learning workshops offered to classified staff. Over 30 classified staff participated in these professional learning workshops. Some of the sessions included how to support students with their social emotional needs and CPI training.

state revenue projections. Given the current economic situation, these forecasts may be too optimistic.

With the Governor’s Budget proposal, the district can begin adjusting and preparing of its 2023-24 budget, based on these assumptions. These assumptions are likely to change when the Governor releases his revised budget proposal in May 2023.

The Governor’s Budget proposal estimates a \$1.5 billion reduction to Prop 98 funding, eliminating many of the new ongoing and one-time categorical programs. The loss of these ongoing and one-time funds will have a significant impact on TUSD revenues.

The Governor’s Budget proposal forecasts a statutory COLA of 8.13%. All things being equal, the district’s actual increase in revenue would be 8.13%. Unfortunately, TUSD is experiencing declining enrollment so the actual COLA received will be less the stated 8.13%. This is due to the reduced number of students.

Additionally, the 8.13% COLA is needed to cover the increased costs related to employee compensation, step and column increases, employee benefit cost increases, inflation, and other cost burdens.

SJCOE FabLab

The FabLab is a giant engineering classroom designed to "WOW." Students of all ages learn NGSS engineering design standards, while being amazed at their own ability to use math, science, and technology to invent something new, solve a problem, or compete with others.

Students from Monte Vista and Williams enjoyed the county FabLab



PreK STEM students loved it too!



BOARD OF EDUCATION BEGINS PROCESS TO CREATE TRUSTEE AREAS

Board members are currently elected in “at-large” elections, where each member is elected by voters throughout the District. The California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”) prohibits the use of “at-large” elections in certain circumstances. Thus, in light of the CVRA, many school district and local agencies have transitioned from at-large to by-trustee area elections to avoid the cost associated with CVRA litigation. Many nearby local agencies have already made this transition or are in the process of doing so. The Board seeks public input on the trustee area boundaries and will employ the following steps and estimated timeline to facilitate this transition:

February-March 2023: Pre-Map Public Hearings

April-May 2023: Develop Trustee Area Maps with Public Input & Public Hearings

June 2023: Final Public Hearing & Adoption of Trustee Area Maps

This estimated timeline may be augmented or adjusted by the District as necessary. These steps will be followed by submittal of the proposed transition for final approval by the County Committee. This webpage will be updated throughout this process.

Informational Links

Keeping you in the Know
Superintendent's Office

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(Calendar, Bell Schedule, Programs, etc.)

Staff Portal Links:

[2022-23 Calendars](#)

[Bell Schedules](#)

[E-forms](#)

[Phone Directories](#)

COVID 19

The latest updates
Superintendent's Office
COVID Testing is still available to all at Tracy Charter School, 1904 N. Corral Hollow Rd., Tracy, from 8:00-4:30pm, on Monday through Friday. This will be billed to your insurance or paid out of pocket. For more information on COVID testing and vaccines please visit the SJ Ready [HERE](#)

Work for TUSD!

Current Job Openings
Human Resources

NEXT JOB FAIR:

FEBRUARY 25: at Freiler School 8:30-1:30
Are you looking for a new job opportunity? Check out our current openings: [JOB OPENINGS](#)



COME JOIN OUR TEAM!!

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