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TUSD NEWS

Tracy Unified School District



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Superintendent's Office



Board Meetings:
February 13, 27

ERMs: February 5, 26

Teacher Recruitment Fair:
February 3 @ 9:00
Location: Art Freiler School

Lincoln's Birthday: February 12

President's Day: February 19

District Art Show: February 28
District Office Board Room

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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](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES Teacher Recruitment Events

Tracy Unified will be participating in a number of Teacher Recruitment Events.

February 3: Tracy Unified District Event, Freiler Elementary School, 9:00 - 12:00.

February 10: TUSD staff will be attending a recruitment event at CSU Stanislaus.

March 16: TUSD staff will be attending a recruitment event at Teachers College of San Joaquin.

Dr. Rob Pecot, Superintendent

Last Saturday, January 27th, I had the opportunity to watch our students perform in a Honors Band Concert. TUSD presented three honors performances, including a couple hundred students in string orchestra, jazz ensemble, and concert band. These honors groups featured selected students from grades 7-12 from 11 local schools as well as guest directors from local colleges. This event presents and promotes student achievement, fine artistic accomplishment, student leadership, and peer mentorship, as well as fosters strong matriculation for middle school students to grow into high school participants and for high school students to explore post-secondary opportunities and excellence. This annual event thrives under strong public support and continuous administrative support as this impressive event also continues a long and proud tradition since Diane Williams and Tom Renner organized and created this event for TUSD in the school year of '98-'99. A big thank you and job well done to all the students, teachers, and volunteers who worked to make this event happen.

Tracy Unified School District is one of the best places in the area to teach. We strive daily to empower students to reach their fullest potential. We need teachers in all different areas from grades TK-12. Teaching is one of the most rewarding careers an individual can have, and we would love to share all that TUSD has to offer with interested candidates. According to the most recent State of California Report for the 2022/2023 school year, TUSD teachers had the highest average base annual salary in San Joaquin County at \$90,817. The median total salary for a TUSD Teacher last year was over \$98,500. Couple this with a 183-day base work schedule, over \$10,000 in yearly medical benefits, and a generous retirement package, and you can see why teaching for Tracy Unified School District is an exciting career opportunity.

If you or someone you know is interested in teaching for TUSD please join us on Saturday February 3rd for our Teacher Recruitment Fair from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Art Freiler Elementary School. This fair will focus on hiring teachers and speech pathologists. For additional information please contact Human Resources.

We are in the process of naming both the Tracy High School Aquatic Complex and the Tracy High School Baseball Field. Members of the community can submit names of local educators, community and civic leaders, or any other individual who has made an outstanding impact to the local community to have their name honored at one of these two facilities. Submissions need to be turned into my office by February 8th.

TUSD has partnered with Tracy Earth Project for the Earth Day Challenge, which is a science-based project where students are asked to apply their STEM knowledge and skills. Students can work in teams of 3 or more, students in grades K-12 identify an environmental concern, then create and implement a plan for solving the issue, incorporating the environmental principles and concepts from the State Office of Education. Last year over 150 students from Tracy Unified School District accepted the challenge, and this year we are hoping to double that number. Earth day Challenge projects will be displayed at the Tracy Earth Day event in downtown Tracy on Saturday, April 27th, 2024. For more information please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/tracybikelife.org/tracyearthproject/home>

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Please Take the LCAP Survey!

The LCAP Survey will be open until **February 23, 2024**. The LCAP survey is an opportunity to collect feedback from TUSD students, parents/community, and staff. The data collected from these surveys will aid in the development of our LCAP's goals and actions. Last year, we collected over 9,000 responses and know this number will grow.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment toward our LCAP Goals and academic engagement for our students. Three surveys, Staff Survey, Parent & Community Survey and Student Survey (with parent consent, grades 4-12) are available and will remain open through February 23, 2024.

Link: [PARENT SURVEY HERE](#)

Link: [STAFF SURVEY HERE](#)

Board Seeks Names for Tracy High Aquatics Center & Baseball Field Due February 8th!

Tracy Unified School District is now considering names for the Tracy High Aquatics Center and the Tracy High Baseball Field.

The Board of Education will consider submitted names recommended by the screening committee. Suggestions may be submitted on the Request to Name a School/School Facility form which is available on all TUSD websites, or at the District office located at 1875 W. Lowell Avenue. Completed requests shall be submitted to the Superintendent's Office. The District will accept requests received in the Superintendent's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2024.

Calling All Alumni!



Did you know? We have an [ALUMNI PAGE](#) that can be found from the District's homepage in the upper right-hand corner. We need your help so that we can provide the latest information. If you know of a reunion or class event that your class is having, please [SEND INFO](#) and we will post it on this page.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DEPARTMENT

Vision: We create and support exceptional professional development opportunities.

The Professional Learning Department is here to support TUSD with instructional strategies, pedagogy, lesson studies, and PLCs. In addition, we offer various programs to support the continuous growth of our staff.

Tracy Unified Accredited Induction Program: Induction candidates are working hard on their research for their ILP goals. Thank you to all of the Induction Mentors for facilitating this learning process. If you are interested in being an Induction mentor, be on the lookout for mentor applications coming out in late February or early March.

Peer Coaching Program: We continue to welcome new teachers into our Peer Coaching program. If you are interested in being a Peer Coaching Mentor, be on the lookout for Peer Coaching applications coming out in late February or early March.

Math Professional Development: 7th and 8th grade math teachers received math professional development with Lori Cook focused on student centered classrooms.



REGISTRATION for Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) **Begins March 1st!** Check the enrollment guide below!

Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten Enrollment Guide 2024-2025

Enroll In	Enroll In	Enroll In
PRESCHOOL	TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN	KINDERGARTEN
If birthdate is from	If birthdate is from	If birthdate is from
September 2, 2019 to December 1, 2021 ^{###}	September 2, 2019 to June 2, 2020 ^{###}	September 2, 2018 to September 1, 2019

^{###}Parents of Transitional Kindergarten-age students have the option to enroll their student into a Preschool Program (part-day) *or* Transitional Kindergarten (full-day). For TUSD Preschool Programs, three- and four-year old children must meet State preschool eligibility requirements and complete a hard copy application to be placed on the waitlist.

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STEM

TUSD has created a [STEM website!](#) This website provides a way for all of our educational partners to stay up to date on all of the TUSD Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) related activity that is happening in TUSD. We invite you to take a moment to visit the TUSD STEM website and take a look around! On the main landing page you will see an opportunity to provide input to help TUSD refine our STEM Vision by participating in the STEM Vision Survey. Please take a moment to read the TUSD STEM Vision Letter to Educational Partners - [PDF English version](#), [PDF Spanish Version](#). We invite all educational partners to participate: Family Members, Students, Teachers, STEM Advocates/Professionals, Site and District Administrators, and TUSD Board Members. The survey will be open for participation through February 16th. Please reach out to Dr. Dean Reese, TUSD STEM Director - dreese@tusd.net, if you have any questions. Thank you!

TEP Talk TUSD, in partnership with the Tracy Earth Project (TEP), hosted a TEP Talk at Tracy High School on January 19th, 2024. This TEP talk featured STEM professionals from Heirloom, a local company who recently made national news as the first Direct Air Carbon Capture facility in the United States. Heirloom shared the science and careers that are central to their work with over 300 students from Kimball High School, Stein High School, and Tracy High School.



Professional Learning Department (Continued)

Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) *Do you need to pass your RICA still?* If you need to pass your RICA, come join to learn tips and tricks on how to pass as well as strategies to use in your classroom reading instruction! Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) Test Prep Session SERIES 2 is happening now with **Session 2-Subtest 1: Word Analysis** coming up on **February 13, 2024** from 3:30-5:00pm in the Professional Learning Training Room. GoSignMeUP code is **#5688**. This workshop is a SEVEN-part series that covers all of the domains on the RICA. Please join if you are looking for support on how to prepare to take your RICA. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Bailey at abailey@tusd.net.



Ed TSA: Ed TSAs support their sites with technology platform use. They provide training in a variety of ways, catering their topics and delivery methods based on what works for them



and their colleagues. Looking to increase student engagement? Need help navigating DnA Illuminate? Curious about how you can use (or detect) AI? Ask an Ed TSA!

DnA Assessments: The TOSAs are continuing to meet with groups of teachers from each grade level/content area to build and review ELA and math district assessments.

Interim Assessments: Several sites are implementing CAASPP interim assessments! Teachers and administrators are participating in professional learning about using interim assessment data and CAASPP instructional resources. Staffs are examining the instructional shifts needed to help students meet the rigor level of the standards and start closing the achievement gap and how to build agency for growth at the site and classroom level. For additional resources and support on Interim Assessments, email tosa@tusd.net.

Professional Learning Workshops and Curriculum Saturdays:

We offer sessions throughout the year that are grounded in the California Standards for the Teaching Profession, educational research, and best practices. The workshops offer a variety of topics. In February and March, sessions will be offered covering the topics PLC Cycle, Collective Educator Agency, Building Students Language through Guided Language Acquisition, Planning Reading in Elementary Classrooms, and Foundations of Literacy Part 1. Check out Go Sign Me Up for all of the workshops being offered. Curriculum Saturdays are also offered, we had a great turnout at the January 27th Curriculum Saturday for PK-6. The next Curriculum Saturday will be on February 3rd for 7-12.

District ERM: On January 22, 2024, paras and PK-5th grade teachers received another professional development on instructional routines from a Wonders representative. We have one more District ERM left for the 2023-2024 school year on March 25, 2024



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The latest updates

Superintendent's Office

Check out the [TUSD INFO PAGE](#) for important information including TUSD Programs, Bell Schedules, Calendar and Heat Risk Assessment.

Please also remember that each of our school sites have their own website and Facebook pages. From the District [HOME PAGE](#) you can use the drop-down list of schools in the upper right-hand corner to find your site!

Work for TUSD!

Current Job Openings

Human Resources

Are you looking for a new job opportunity? Check out our current openings: [JOB OPENINGS](#)



Next Job Fair: Feb. 3 - 9:00-12:00
Art Freiler School
2421 W. Lowell Ave. Tracy, CA

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