

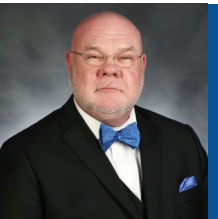
Bi-Annual Report

Winter 2022/2023

Los Gatos High School | Saratoga High School

Vision | Achievement | Pride

Superintendent's Message to the Community



Dear LGSUHS Community,

These past 6 months have been such an incredible new chapter for me. As your new Superintendent, I have had the pleasure to get to know the most remarkable students and dedicated staff, and have had the opportunity to meet a community committed to the lifelong success of our highly acclaimed schools.

My focus for this school year is communication: transparent and frequent news, robust and easy-to-access tools. Our district has daily reasons to celebrate. From the robust learning inside the classroom to the award-winning musicians and championship athletics, our students are thriving. This community mailer is a quick peek into the Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District. Scan the barcode to the right of this message to sign-up to receive our press releases and district news as they happen.



Finally, I'd like to share my appreciation and gratitude toward our outgoing Board of Trustee members who have served our community collectively for over 30 years. Retiring Trustees Cynthia Chang and Peter Hertan, as well as outgoing Trustee David Guidry have been instrumental in shaping our district and I have valued their guidance and support as I transitioned into my role as Superintendent to this exemplary district. Take a look inside to meet our three new Board Members and join me in congratulating them on their new roles.

In Partnership,

Bill W. Sanderson
Superintendent

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Board of Trustees

Theresa Bond | Steve Chen | Misty Davies | Alex Shultz | Katherine Tseng

Meet Our New Board Members

LGSUHSD’s Board of Trustees are locally elected public officials entrusted with governing the district's schools and programs. Their role is to ensure that the District is responsive to the values, beliefs, and priorities of the community. In this past November election, LGSUHSD welcomed three new Board Members to its five governing Board seats:

Supporting all students to develop the skills, passions, confidence, and resiliency to pursue college and/or career pathways that are right for them.



Steve Chen spent the first 30 years of his career as an executive in the tech industry before pivoting to teaching in 2015. A Stanford graduate, Steve received his Masters Degree in Education from Santa Clara University before finding his home, until he retired, as a Math teacher at Los Gatos High School. Steve has raised three children through the Los Gatos public school system. Steve shares that he cares passionately about public education and believes schools are an essential part of what makes this community a desirable place to live.



Dr. Misty Davies is a research engineer and a project manager with expertise in safety and the behavior of complex systems. Her graduate degrees are from Stanford University, where she earned a Ph.D. in computational mechanics and an M.S. in aerospace and astrospace engineering. Dr. Davies served for nine years in PTA leadership roles across Saratoga schools. Dr. Davies has lived in Saratoga for 16 years and has children at Saratoga High School and Redwood Middle Schools.

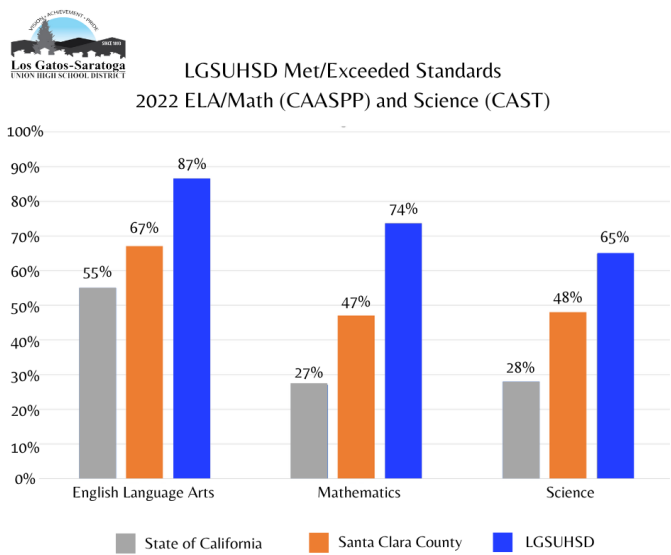


Alex Shultz is a retired science teacher with roots in the San Jose Unified School District and his last 28 years of teaching at Los Gatos High School. An active member in the Measure B bond campaign, Alex worked closely with district administration to oversee the refurbishment and update of classrooms, buildings, and offices. A former baseball, basketball, swimming, and soccer coach, Alex’s three children all are Los Gatos High School alum.



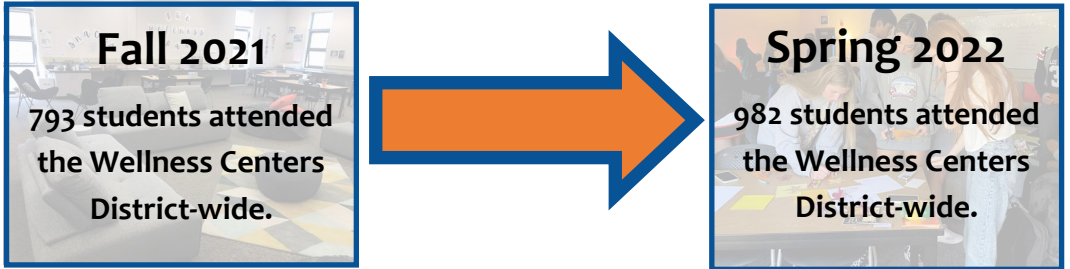
State Test Scores

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) test scores were released in October from the California Department of Education. Given in the spring of 2022, this annual assessment is given to public school students in the State of California in grades 3-8, and again in grade 11. With a pause in this state test during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year due to the pandemic and remote learning, LGSUHSD student assessment data highlights how students collectively in the district outperformed their peers in both Santa Clara County and the State of California in English Language Arts, Math, and Science.



Wellness Centers

Wellness Centers are open at both Los Gatos & Saratoga High Schools as a layer of support to improve the health, well-being, and educational outcomes of high school students. Staffed with a dedicated Lead Therapist and Clinical Health Outreach Worker at each site, these Wellness Centers not only provide social-emotional learning opportunities, they also serve as early intervention to health, mental health, substance abuse, and other support services as needed. The number of students using our remarkable Wellness Centers continues to grow.



Measure E Bond

In 2014, this supportive community passed the Measure E General Obligation Bond allowing the district to complete priority projects such as safety repairs, updated classrooms and science labs, and add educational technology for 21st century learning. With over 85% of the bond funds spent on repairs and upgrades, current students are seeing the benefits of powerful community support.

Thank you to our community for prioritizing learning and supporting our district.

Recently Completed Projects: District Wide HVAC Controls, LGHS Baseball Field Outfield Netting, LGHS Administration Building Stair Flooring Repairs, LGHS Access Road and Erosion Control, LGHS Science Building Walkway Water-proofing, SHS 900 Wing, SHS Covered Walkway, Repairs, SHS HVAC and Roof Replacement

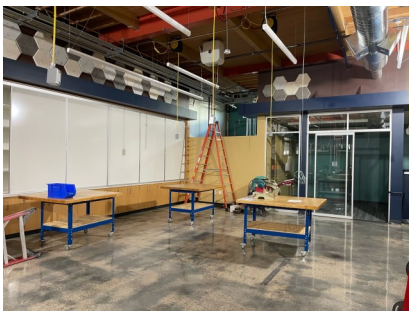
Projects in construction include: SHS Engineering Classroom, SHS Baseball Facility Upgrades

Upcoming Projects: SHS Gym Window Reglazing, SHS Pool Shade Structure, LGHS Administration Building. Window Replacement

Projects in Design: LGHS Wellness Center, SHS 900 Wing Shade Structure

Remaining Projects: SHS Gerald Zappelli CT Parking Lot, LGHS Boys Locker Room Flooring

LGHS = Los Gatos High School | SHS = Saratoga High School



Parcel Tax

In May 2016, the LGSUHSD community demonstrated their support for district students and schools by passing an extension to Measure A through the year 2025. This district parcel tax of \$49/parcel is designed to continue to provide a top quality education for our students through providing support for core academic programs, such as Math, Science and English; attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers; maintaining college and career preparation programs; and providing classroom materials such as books and science laboratory equipment.

Exemptions from the \$49/parcel are available to Senior Citizens (65 years or older) who own and occupy, as a principal residence, a parcel within the district. For more information or to apply for an exemption call 408.357.8151 or scan the QR code.

