



November 16, 2021



Westmont Patriots

Westmont teacher Kim Robles led Westmont 2nd graders in performing several patriotic songs that they had performed at their school last week in honor of Veterans' Day. They sang favorites like *You're a Grand Old Flag*, *My Country 'Tis of Thee* and *Thank You for Our Veterans*. Not only did they do a great job singing these wonderful songs, but they also used sign language to communicate the words!

Construction Update

Mr. Jim Choate, Executive Director of Facilities and Transportation, provided the Board with an update on the Marine View Grand Reopening, the progress of the Vista View modernization, and plans for the Star View modernization next year. [See the presentation here.](#)

Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Presentation

Dr. Julianne Hofer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, outlined the background and proposed educator effectiveness activities of the \$1.85 million Educator Effectiveness block grant. The grant allows for professional development and support services for certificated teachers, administrators, paraprofessional educators, and certificate staff to improve teaching and learning. The grant money needs to be used by June 2026, and the District will focus on beginning teacher or administrator induction, standardized instruction, positive school climate, effective language acquisition programs for English learners, and early childhood education. The plan will be placed on the December 14 agenda for Board consideration. [See the presentation here.](#)

Board Requests State to Reconsider/Rescind Vaccine Requirements for Students

The Board approved Resolution No. 15-2122 to urgently request that the State of California reconsider or rescind the COVID-19 vaccine for public and private K-12 students as a requirement for in-person instruction. [See the Resolution here.](#)