



October 12, 2021

Kiwanis Club President Recognized

Mr. Shawn Wood, President of Kiwanis Club Huntington Beach was recognized for his outstanding service and leadership throughout the past year. The Board presented Mr. Wood with a certificate of appreciation and thanked him for his great work and support of the District and Huntington Beach community.



Dual Language Immersion at Harbour View

The Spanish Dual Language Immersion (DLI) program is in its 2nd successful year at Harbour View. The goal of DLI is for students to become bilingual, biliterate, and bicultural. Students that begin in kindergarten receive 90% of their instruction in Spanish and 10% of their instruction in English. By the time they reach 4th grade, they receive 50% of their instruction in Spanish and 50% in English. Students in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade performed a delightful song in Spanish for the Trustees and audience. [See presentation here.](#)



COVID-19 Protocols Update

Dr. Carol Hansen, Superintendent, provided the Board with an update on COVID-19 protocols. All unvaccinated OVSD employees are required to undergo weekly PCR COVID-19 testing, effective October 12, 2021. OVSD employees will be provided with self-administered saliva tests from Ambry Genetics and results will be available within 48 hours after the sample is received. Dr. Hansen also discussed Governor Newsom's announcement that COVID-19 vaccines will be mandatory for all staff and students once the vaccine receives full FDA approval. Many questions remain unanswered and a COVID-19 vaccination mandate has not been imposed at this time, nor has OVSD changed COVID-19 vaccine requirements. [See the presentation here.](#)

Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds

Dr. Julianne Hoefer, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, provided the Board with budgetary information related to ESSER funding and asked for input regarding allocation priorities. The three main areas that will be targeted with the funds are addressing the impact of lost instructional time, strategies for continuous and safe in-person learning, and improvements to heating, ventilation, air conditioning. [See presentation here.](#)

Substitute Teacher Pay Rate Increase

The District has struggled to maintain a pool of qualified substitute teachers due to COVID-related issues, substitute shortages, and a higher rate of daily pay in surrounding districts. The Board approved a temporary increase in the daily rate of pay from \$125 to \$150 for regular substitute teachers, and an increase from \$140 to \$165 for long-term substitute teachers. The temporary pay increases will be funded with ESSER funds, and are effective from October 18, 2021, through June 23, 2022.