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WELCOME MESSAGE

Superintendent Dr. Jason Reimann



Dear HUSD Community,

Thank you for choosing to spend the day with us here at the Families United Conference. Family engagement is central to the Hayward Unified School District's (HUSD) strategic plan and the focus on relationship-centered schools. We have been leading the way in developing non-traditional parent engagement opportunities in the areas of policy development, workshop ideas, Parent Ambassadors, and much more. Today's conference is extremely special because it reinforces our commitment to families, building community, and providing educational opportunities for parents. By working together, we can continue to make a lasting impact on the lives of our students. Thank you again for joining today!

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Family Check-In

8:45 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

★ Conference Opening & Keynote Speaker

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Workshop #1

10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M.

Workshop #2

11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.

Resource Fair & Art Exhibit

11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Lunch & Student Performances**

1:00 P.M. – 1:50 P.M.

Conference Giveaways

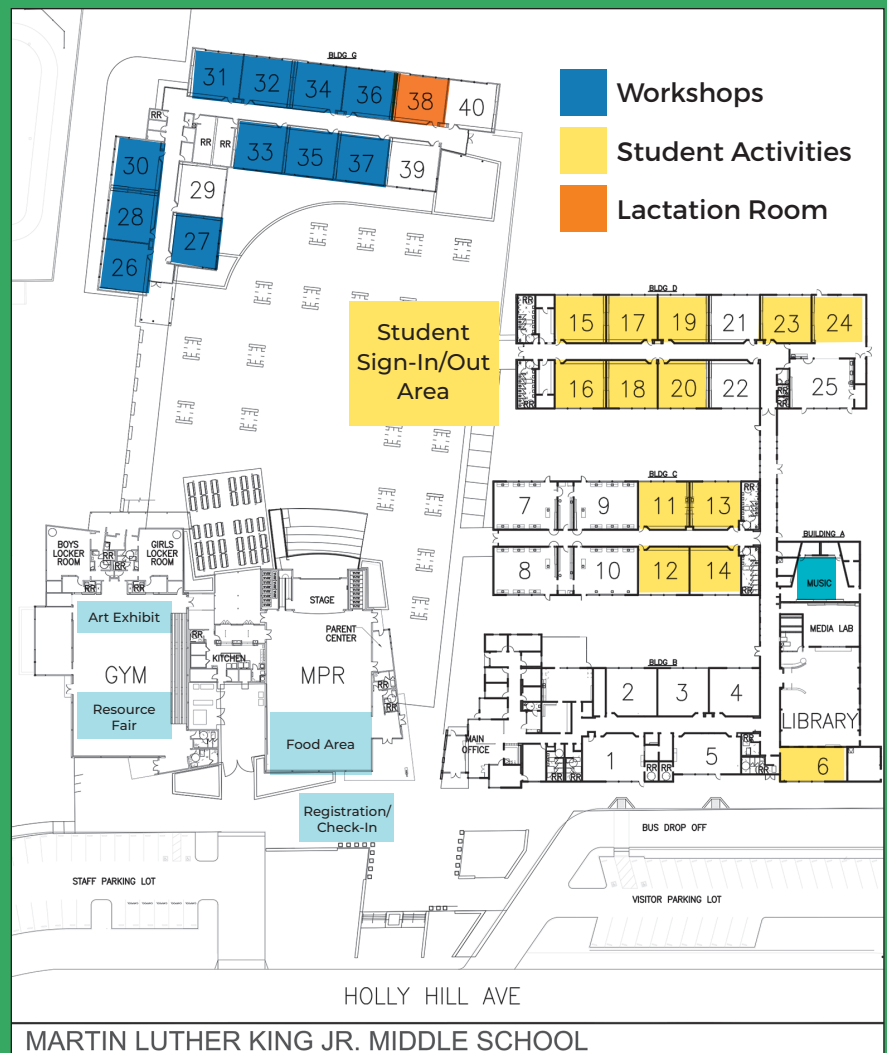
1:50 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.

Conference Closing

2:15 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Student Pick Up

2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.



**Lunch time will include special performances by HUSD student groups and lively music. Children will be provided lunch in the Student Activity Area.

ABOUT THE FAMILIES UNITED CONFERENCE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Associate Superintendent of Student & Family Services, Chien Wu-Fernandez



Our call to action around family engagement has always been to ensure that the voices of our community are at the center of all our work. True to that vision, our Associate Superintendent **Chien Wu-Fernandez** initiated the first Parent United Conference on January 28, 2023. This conference was organized by a committee of dedicated parents and district staff all focused on the most relevant and timely topics experienced by our community. The Families United Conference aims to provide a welcoming space where families can gain valuable knowledge about navigating the education system and access resources designed to enhance student success. We are proud to continue this tradition to ensure that we continue to learn and grow as a community.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Andre Ward



Andre Ward is known as one of the greatest fighters of his generation, retiring from the sport in 2017 as the best fighter in the world and on a 21-year winning streak. A five-time world champion and first-ballot Hall of Famer, Ward began boxing at just nine years old after learning that his father, Frank Ward, had competed in the sport. He would go on to have a historic career, winning Olympic Gold in 2004 and he remains the last American male to claim the top spot on the medal stand.

Ward won world titles in the super middleweight and light heavyweight divisions and climbed his way to the top of the rankings, earning a perfect 32-0 record and the top spot on the pound-for-pound list.

He is a Hayward High School alumni, a licensed minister serving as a youth pastor at his church in the Bay Area, author, speaker, and Chief Content Officer at All the Smoke Fight where he helps to share the many inspirational stories in the boxing world.

PERFORMANCES



The Polynesian Club
Hayward High School



Student Dance Group
Martin Luther King Jr.
Middle School



Husky Martial Arts Club
Stonebrae Elementary School

WORKSHOP OFFERINGS

**Workshops are first come, first served. They are in order of classroom location on the map.
Spanish interpretation will be provided.*

Special Education: A Family's Guide

- Parents will learn what services are being offered and how to get services.
- Parents will learn the process for identification.

Presenter: Kristen Devine, Director of Special Education Services and Team, HUSD

Time Offered: 10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M.

Classroom: 26

Families as Advocates: Navigating Special Education Together

- Parents will leave with the understanding of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and how to schedule a meeting for your child.
- Parents will learn about their rights and laws that protect students with disabilities.
- Transitioning after High School.

Presenter: Andrea Yu, Bilingual Parent Advocate, Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

Time Offered: 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.

Classroom: 26

Strengthening the Parent-Child Relationship Through Social-Emotional Learning

- Parents will know what social-emotional learning (SEL) is.
- Parents will learn ways how to incorporate SEL strategies at home (activities, verbiage/prompts, websites).

Presenter: Vickie Sargent, Social and Emotional Learning Administrator on Special Assignment, HUSD

Time Offered: 10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M.

Classroom: 27



Readers are Leaders

- Parents will learn more about HUSD's Literacy Plan.
- Parents will learn more about Universal Screeners used to assess students' reading skills.
- Parents will learn different ways to help at home (e.g. dialogic reading, resources, hands-on activities).

Presenter: Dr. Shea Gregory, Administrator, Elementary Literacy, HUSD

Time Offered: 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.

Classroom: 30

Supporting Children Experiencing Anxiety

With the increasing number of students experiencing anxiety at school, I will share what anxiety is, how it impacts student learning and what you can do as parents to support your child so that they can have a better experience at school.

Presenter: Miroslaba "Lili" Velo-Egonmwan, Youth Intervention Specialist, HUSD

Times Offered: 10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.

Classroom: 28

Cyber Bullying & Social Media

- Parents will learn about the latest social media trends. How to control and monitor digital usage.
- Parents will learn how to identify cyberbullying and how to respond.
- Parents will learn the legal consequences of sharing images or videos, the risks of privacy, and tips to stay safe online.

Presenter: Edwin Kang, Instructor, Eden Area ROP

Time Offered: 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.

Classroom: 27





How to Pay for College

- Parents will learn about the best time to start planning.
- Parents will learn about Investment Plans, FAFSA, and Cal Grants.
- Parents will learn about the California Dream Act and Scholarships.

Presenter: Brian B. Brown, M.A., Assistant Director, Southern Alameda Region, UC Berkeley
Times Offered: 10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.
Classroom: 31

Engaged Parents, Empowered Students

- Parents will learn about HUSD's parent committees, their influence, and purpose.
- Parents will learn how they can join the various committees.
- Parents will learn why participating in committees is beneficial and how to utilize the information received.

Presenters: Princess Ehiorobo, Rochelle Balthazar, Michelle Fernelius, and Julio Contreras, Parent Ambassadors, HUSD
Times Offered: 10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.
Classroom: 32

How to Support and Affirm LGBTQIA+ Youth

- Parents will learn about LGBTQIA+ definitions, terms, and how to appropriately use them.
- Parents will be exposed to stereotypes and biases they should be aware of.
- Parents will learn where to get support during the process of coming out, for both parents and students.
- Parents will learn about legal implications for: Change of name / pronouns, Change of Sex, and How to advocate.

Presenters: Robert Lopez, Project Eden, **Jasmine Cervantes,** Side By Side Youth, and **Ana Navidad,** Parent
Time Offered: 10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M.
Classroom: 33

Empowering Families: AB/AR Initiatives and the N-Word Ban Policy

Explore the latest Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism (AB/AR) initiatives in HUSD, including the implementation of the N-Word Ban Policy. This session will provide families with tools, resources, and strategies to foster inclusivity, address harmful language, and support a safe and equitable environment for all students. Join us to learn how you can contribute to creating a culture of respect and belonging in our schools and community.

Presenter: Dr. Candace Cofield, Administrator on Special Assignment for Equity, HUSD
Time Offered: 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.
Classroom: 33

Elementary School Ready: Preparing for the Next Big Step

- Parents will understand the developmental stages of our youngest learners and communication strategies with their child & school staff.
- Parents will learn about assessments that take place in preschool, initial screenings, and how to best support their students' success.
- Parents will learn the importance of being involved as their child transitions to elementary school.
- Parents will learn about the various programs & services available in HUSD elementary schools as their children transition from preschool (e.g. YEP After School Program, Newcomer Services, Coordination of Services Team).

Presenters: Maria Ruiz, Teacher, and **Maria Zenteno,** Child Development Placement Assistant, HUSD Early Learning
Time Offered: 10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M.
Classroom: 34



Middle School Ready: Preparing for the Next Big Step

- Parents will understand the developmental stages of students at this transition period and communication strategies with students & school staff.
- Parents will learn how to help their child visualize and better understand the road ahead—preparing for college in the middle school years.
- Parents will learn the importance of being involved as your child transitions to middle school.
- Parents will learn about the various clubs and extracurricular activities available in HUSD Middle Schools (e.g. Bridge to College, Athletics, AVID).

Presenters: Morgan Pryor and Cynthia Garcia, Counselors, HUSD

Time Offered: 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.

Classroom: 34

High School Ready: Preparing for the Next Big Step

- Parents will understand the developmental stages of students at this transition period and communication strategies with students & school staff.
- Parents will learn about assessments that take place in high school, how to select classes, and A-G requirements.
- Parents will learn the importance of being involved as your child transitions to high school.
- Parents will learn about the various clubs, programs, and extracurricular activities available in HUSD High Schools (e.g. Bridge to College, Athletics, AVID, Puente, Internships).

Presenter: Nancy Sanchez, Counselor, HUSD

Times Offered: 10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.

Classroom: 35

Supporting Your Multilingual Learner & Reclassification

- Parents will learn what it means to be an English Language Learner (ELL), levels of ELL students, and parent rights.
- Parents will be able to identify the facts vs. myths of English Language Learner classification.
- Parents will know how to support their child in getting reclassified.

Presenter: Angélica Alamillo-Pérez, Director of Multilingual Learner Programs, HUSD

Times Offered: 10:45 A.M. – 11:35 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.

Classroom: 36

Preparing Your Child for Success Beyond High School

- Parents will learn about ways to support their children in finding their passion and the correct pathway to take to plan (academics, clubs, aptitude tests, etc.).
- Parents will learn the difference between the University of California, Military, community college, Technical, Vocational, and California State University options.
- Parents will learn how to navigate college as a first-generation college or neurodiverse student.
- Parents will learn about Historically Black Colleges & Universities and out-of-state options.

Presenter: Farin Young, TRIO ETS Outreach Specialist, Chabot College

Times Offered: 10:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M. and 11:45 A.M. – 12:35 P.M.

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WHAT'S NEXT FOR PARENT UNIVERSITY?

Check out the latest information for upcoming Parent University programs, academic excellence days, and workshops!

Asian & Pacific Islander Community Initiative

HUSD's Asian & Pacific Islander Community Initiative (APICI) celebrates and honors the identity, values, and cultural contributions of Hayward's diverse API communities. Below is a schedule of upcoming APICI gatherings this spring. They are offered from 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Visit www.husd.us/apici for more information.

February 5, 2024 | March 5, 2024

Parent Power Sessions

These workshops offer parents/caregivers an opportunity to learn about various topics via Zoom. Below is a schedule of upcoming sessions this spring. They are offered from 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Visit www.husd.us/parentmeetings for more information.

February 18, 2025: Affordable Housing

March 4, 2025: Navigating Transitions for Neurodiverse Students: Preschool to Elementary and Elementary to Middle School

Cafe Dad

Cafe Dad is for fathers, father figures and all that identify as male role models! You are invited to a welcoming space where you can connect with other male role models in HUSD. We have group discussions on fatherhood and how to access support & local community resources. Dinner, child care and Spanish interpretation is provided. Cafe Dad meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. Visit www.husd.us/fathers for more information.

Parent Ambassadors

The Parent Ambassador Program empowers and meaningfully engages parents/caregivers through education and leadership opportunities to support and strengthen their families and communities. Visit www.husd.us/parentambassadors for more information.

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