

Board Connections

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Bulletin Board Presentation: Star View Elementary

Principal Jeanne Bentley, along with 3rd Grade GATE teacher Alicia Mariano and VEX instructor Erin Simkins, highlighted the school's focus on early engineering education. Students from transitional kindergarten through 5th grade engage in hands-on learning experiences that develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. The VEX Robotics Club allows 3rd—5th grade students to build and program robots, compete with other schools, and tackle



real-world engineering challenges, while fostering teamwork and essential life skills. Through *Project Lead the Way*, students participate in problem-based learning in the STEM Lab, from designing floating structures in transitional kindergarten to engineering hospital-delivery robots in 5th grade.



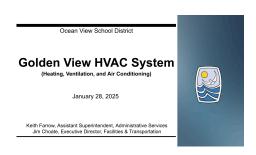
Middle School Presentation: Marine View

Marine View Principal Sara Schiable and students showcased the school's innovative Anchors program. Led by their dedicated librarian, Ms. Plank, this initiative transforms the library into a dynamic and engaging space where students develop a love for reading. With monthly themed decorations, a diverse selection of enticing books, and interactive games, the library has become a lively hub of curiosity and excitement—so popular that it's often

standing-room only. Students enjoy activities like Starbooks Bingo and designing custom bookmarks, making reading a fun and immersive experience.

Golden View HVAC System

Jim Choate, Executive Director of Facilities and Transportation, presented staff's recommendation to replace the outdated Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system at Golden View Elementary. The Board unanimously agreed with the recommendation, and staff will proceed with the next steps in the process. The entire presentation can be viewed here.



Transitioning to By-Trustee Area Elections

District legal counsel from *Atkinson, Andelson, Lloyd, Ruud & Romo*, and demographer from *Woolpert* provided presentations on the legal and demographic processes for transitioning from at-large to by-trustee area elections. Currently, under the "at-large election" system, all voters within District boundaries can vote for all five Board Members. With the transition to "by-trustee area elections," voters will elect one Trustee whose home address is within the same designated geographic area as the voter. A second public hearing is scheduled for the February 25 Board of Trustees' meeting to gather input on how the maps should be drawn. Additionally, an online platform is being developed to collect community feedback.

AALRR Presentation; Woolpert Presentation.