# Parent/Family Advisory Committee Meeting

## February 25, 2025

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# PAC Meeting
# Food and Nutrition Services

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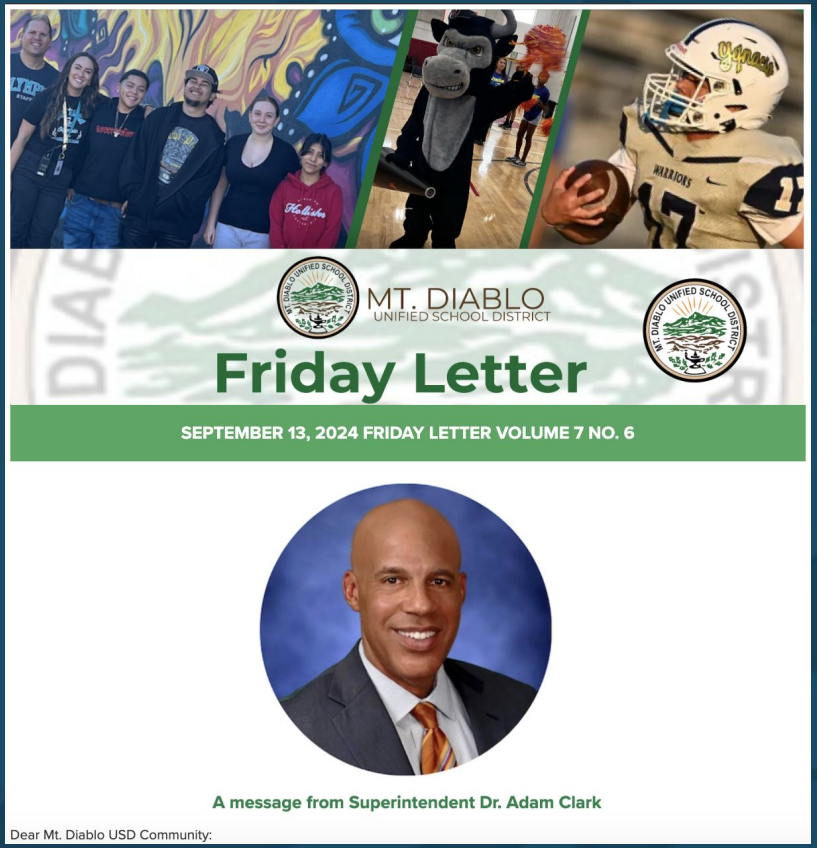

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# Friday Letter

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 FRIDAY LETTER VOLUME 7 NO. 6

A message from Superintendent Dr. Adam Clark

Dear Mt. Diablo USD Community:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Goals for PAC
- Updates from Dr. Clark
- Presentation by Food and Nutrition Services
- Public Service Announcements
- Future meetings

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# Introductions


- Name
- Name of your student(s)
- School you are representing
- New to PAC?
- Do you have plans for Spring Break?

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# PAC Goals for 2024-25

The purpose of the Committee is to support, encourage and improve the quality of education and the well-being of all students within Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

The Parent Advisory Council's mission is to engage families to help shape education policy and represent diverse parent voices in the statewide decision-making process.

The PAC is committed to helping close gaps in achievement and to create authentic engagement opportunities that will result in transformative outcomes for California students.

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The purpose of this committee shall be to review, recommend, and advise the district on matters pertaining to the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

- Advise administration and staff on parents/families' views on any matter related to schools programs, practices policies, plans, and activities
- Communicate with parents/guardians and to promote parent/guardian engagement between home and school in providing for the education of their children
- Assist parents/families in access the system and to facilitate advocacy support for individual children and their parents/ family
- Assist in the planning, development, implementation and evaluation of the LCAP, using data to inform discussions.
- Assist with efforts to make parents aware of the district's policy and procedures relating to the programs and actions within the LCAP and other critical district plans.

# LCAP Goals

1. All students will receive a high quality education in a safe and welcoming environment with high expectations and rigorous instruction in the California State Standards that prepare them for college and career.

2. Highly qualified, culturally proficient, and responsive staff will create a safe and engaging learning environment respectful of all students' backgrounds ensuring they are college and career ready when they graduate.

3. Families and community members will be informed, and empowered as partners with Mt. Diablo Unified to support student learning and improve student outcomes.

4. Focal scholars, specifically African American students, Foster Youth, students experiencing homelessness, students with IEPs and multilingual students, will experience culturally responsive practices and be provided rigorous instruction within an educational environment that builds trust and inclusive partnerships between the students, families, and staff.

5. All students at Crossroads High School and Olympic High School will demonstrate a 6% increase in attendance rate and a 6% increase in on-pace graduation rate by June 2026, leading to an increase of 6% in graduation rates.

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# District Updates from Dr. Adam Clark

TK Lunch Meadow Homes

TK Learning YVE


College Now

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**Welcome Alexandra Emmott**
**Director of Food and Nutrition Services**

# Agenda

1. **About FNS**
   a. Vision, Mission, Goals & Team
2. **Universal Meals and Program Funding**
3. **Menu & Nutritionals**
   a. Meal Pattern
   b. Farm to School & Menu Development
   c. Special Meal Accommodations
4. **Waste Reduction**
   a. Share Tables
5. **Infrastructure & Equipment**

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**25,000 +**

Meals Served Daily

**4,500,000+**

Meals Served Annually

**180+**

Food Service Employees

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# FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

# FNS Central Office Team - Contact Us

Alexandra Emmott, **Director**

Angie Vickroy, **Child Nutrition Program Manager**
- ➔ **FNS Administrative Secretary II** (Now Hiring)
- ➔ Jessica English, F**ront Office Senior Clerk**

Chad Voss, **Warehouse & Ops Manager**
- ➔ Drivers
- ➔ Deb Waters, **Food Warehouse Coordinator**
- ➔ Kayla Moses-Costello, **Warehouse Clerk**

Gina Ramirez, **FNS Business Analyst**

Nicole Cadiz, **Culinary Manager**
- ➔ **Special Events Lead** (Now Hiring)
- ➔ **Central Kitchen Staff**

**Area Supervisors:**
Paula Onofrio, Secondary
Thomas Egan, Elementary
Deanna Davis, Elementary
- ➔ **All School Site Staff**

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# FNS Mission and Vision

**MISSION** *What we do everyday*

***Everyday, we nourish students for academic success.***

**VISION** *Our North Star; where we want to be in the next 10-15 years*

***Food and Nutrition Services is an industry leader with a thriving and positive team that serves our students delicious, diverse, scratch cooked, locally sourced meals in modern and efficient facilities, while embodying the values of equity, sustainability, collaboration, and innovation.***

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# FNS Core Values

➔ ***Our non-negotiables that must be honored in pursuit of our Vision***

★ **Great Food**
- Scratch cooking
- Local, sustainable procurement

★ **World Class Student Experience**
- Excellent food presentation
- Modernized, dignified facilities

★ **Fiscal Responsibility and Sustainability**
  - Waste reduction

★ **Positive Team Culture**
- Professional, collaborative, and supportive teams
- Robust staff training
- Growth mindset

★ **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**
- Universal meals
- Cultural responsiveness and relevance

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# FNS Goals: How We Will Achieve Our Vision

1. **Transform facilities** at all schools and the Central Kitchen to have modernized and efficient equipment that allows scratch cooking to scale and creates dignified built environments for students and staff.
2. **Increase scratch cooking** at all sites by investing in facilities and staff and leveraging the Central Kitchen to prepare and distribute fresh ingredients.
3. **Invest in our team** by (1) increasing full time benefited positions; (2) increasing hiring, especially of historically disadvantaged groups; and (3) creating a robust staff training program and career growth opportunities for all employees.
4. **Invest in the local economy** by doubling our procurement of foods from local, BIPOC owned, and small/medium family businesses and farms.
5. **Reduce waste** and improve the student experience by implementing compostable packaging and utensils and reducing packaging wherever possible

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# California Universal Meals

- California became the first state in the Nation to adopt Universal Meals in the 2022-23 school year.
- The Governor's proposed budget includes full and expanded funding for Universal Meals for the 2025-26 School Year.
- **All students, regardless of income eligibility, can receive one no cost breakfast and one no cost lunch at school!**
- The State of California supplements the funding from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- **Summer Meals**: Meals are available at select schools. All MDUSD sites with summer school offer meals to enrolled students at no charge; qualifying sites offer meals to any community member under 18. Check our website for more information in May.

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# Second Meal Charges

- Additional (Second) meals show up on student accounts as charges
  - Breakfast $2.00 ES and $2.50 MS/HS
  - Lunch $3.25 ES and $3.50 MS/HS
- The District has generously agreed to fund additional meals for the 2024-25 school year; however, funding isn't guaranteed for future years
- If you wish to review your student's account, you may do so on the Titan Application
- To request a refund, complete this form please

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# Menus and Nutritionals

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- Meat and Vegetarian menu options daily
- All meals come with fresh fruits and vegetables and optional milk
- Check out our nutritionals here by registering for a free account.  Menus are on our website.
- Special dietary requirements?  Complete and submit a medical form
- Menu substitutions - happen from time to time because of vendor shortages or severe staffing shortages

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# Meal Pattern - What can we serve?

- Complex rules set by USDA and vary by grade level
  - Program funding is tied to compliance
- 5 food groups required (grains, proteins, fruits, vegetables, milk)
  - “Vegetable Subgroups” required - dark green, red/orange, beans & peas, starchy, and other
- **Students must take a fruit or vegetable with every meal**
- Calorie, sodium, saturated fat minimums and maximums
- MDUSD team develops and test recipes; Software system used to track inventory and calculate nutritionals
- Various facilities and equipment across the District impacts options


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# New Menu Items

- *Over 80 new menu items developed this year to date!*
- Some of the most popular new offerings so far include:
  - **Pomegranates!** (All Schools)
  - Buckhorn **Tri Tip Sandwiches** (Secondary)
  - **Sweet Chili Teriyaki Wings** with Rice (Elementary & Middle)
  - **Tuna Poke Bowls** (High School)
  - Chicken **Bahn Mi Sandwiches** (High School)
  - **Acai Smoothie Bowls** (All Schools)
  - **Egg Bites** (All Schools)
  - Beef **Birria Tacos** (High School)
  - **French Toast Bake** (Elementary & Middle School)
  - **Breakfast for Lunch** (Elementary and Middle School)
  - **Greek Chicken Drumsticks with Flatbread** and Roasted Potatoes (Elementary & Middle School)

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# Farm to School & Local Purveyors


- **60-70% of our produce is organic!**
- **100% organic rice and oatmeal**
- **We support dozens of local farms and producers**

**Examples of Local Farms and Vendors**: Hungry Hollow, Durst, Frog Hollow, Mimi's Organics, Queen of Vegetables, Giusto's, Mindful Meats, Cream Co., Mary's Chicken, Di Napoli, Sierra Nevada Creamery, Early Bird Farm & Mill, Spork Food Hub, and many more...

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# Harvest of the Month

- **December:** Organic Delicata Squash; Yolo, CA
  - *Roasted with Holiday Meals*
- **January:** Cabbage; Salinas, CA
  - *Honey Lime Slaw*
- **February:** Organic Murcott Mandarins; Reedley, CA
  - *Salad Bar*
- **March:** Honey; American Canyon, CA
  - *Oatmeal and Acai Bowls*

➔ Monthly taste tests in partnership with the CARES program.

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# Waste Reduction

- In partnership with Maintenance and Operations, we are working on implementing waste sorting at all MDUSD schools to comply with State rules.
- FNS transitioned to 100% compostable packaging in August 2024.
- Piloting bulk service items, such as cereal and milk to further reduce packaging & plastic.


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# Share Tables

- Available in all schools
- Unwanted, unopened items can be placed on the table
- Available for students to take during meal periods
- Adults can’t take items from the share tables and unfortunately, items from the share table cannot be taken home


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# Infrastructure and Equipment

- Thanks to a grant program from the State of CA, we have purchased over $3M in new equipment including:
  - Serving lines - 7 schools
  - Refrigerators & Freezers
  - Ovens and ranges
  - Refrigerated Truck & Van
  - And much more - 154 pieces of large equipment total
- **Exciting cafeteria redesigns for 7 schools - in process**

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# Thank You

Contact: foodservicessec@mdusd.org

925-682-8000 extension 3775

Food & Nutrition Services Website

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## Future PAC Dates

- March 25th - College and Career Readiness
- April 22nd - Student Services
- May 27th - End of Year Collaboration and Survey

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Concord, CA 94519-1397
(925) 682-8000 x 4027

# MDUSD GRADUATION CEREMONIES CLASS OF 2025

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|---|---|---|
| Tuesday, May 27 | 6:00 PM | College Now – Diablo Valley College |
| Wednesday, May 28 | 7:00 PM | Ygnacio Valley High School - Toyota Pavilion |
| Thursday, May 29 | 7:00 PM | Mt. Diablo High School - Toyota Pavilion |
| Friday, May 30 | 6:30 PM | Bridge – Loma Vista Adult Education |
| Friday, May 30 | 7:00 PM | Concord High School - Toyota Pavilion |
| Saturday, May 31 | 11:00 AM | Alt Ed (Glenbrook, Horizons, Prospect) -Toyota Pavilion |
| Saturday, May 31 | 5:00 PM | Olympic High School/Crossroads - Toyota Pavilion |
| Monday, June 2 | 7:00 PM | College Park High School - Toyota Pavilion |
| Tuesday, June 3 | 7:00 PM | Northgate High School - Toyota Pavilion |
| Saturday, June 7 | 10:00 AM | Adult Education High School Graduation - LVAE |

Addresses:
Diablo Valley College (DVC) – 321 Golf Club Rd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
Loma Vista Adult Education (LVAE) – 1266 San Carlos Ave., Concord, CA 94518
Toyota Pavilion – 2000 Kirker Pass Rd., Concord, CA 94521