Ocean View School District

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May 27, 2025

Middle School Presentation: Vista View



Vista View Middle School Principal Manny Quezada shared how students are developing as civic leaders through the school's Civic Action Projects. Students also shared their experiences on how classroom learning can translate into real-world impact. These projects addressed meaningful issues such as mental health awareness, environmental sustainability, and STEAM engagement. Students conducted in-depth research, interviewed stakeholders, and launched campaigns that directly benefited their school and community. Highlights included the development and sale of school-branded reusable water bottles to reduce plastic waste and the creation of a student-led STEAM Team that hosted interactive learning events. Supported by History/Social Science teacher Stacey Kral and inspired by the OC Civic Learning Institute, students also presented their initiatives at the OC Civic Celebration. These experiences allowed students to build confidence, collaboration, and leadership skills while practicing the core principles of democracy.

OVSD Reading Screener and Literacy Plan

OVSD's Reading Screener and Literacy Plan, presented by Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Dr. Alice Lee and Director of Teaching & Learning Dr. Rasheedah Gates, showcased a proactive response to new California legislation requiring early literacy screening for students in kindergarten through second grade. After a comprehensive selection process, OVSD identified Amira Learning as the recommended screener due to its research-based design, bilingual support, real-time feedback for teachers, and integrated intervention lessons. Implementation will be phased in with targeted teacher training and testing windows by grade level. The entire presentation can be viewed here.

Supporting Every Learner - Role of Special Education

Director of Special Education, Chileen Spaulding, and Coordinator of Special Education, Simi Sardana, along with Dr. Lee, underscored the District's strong commitment to inclusive and equitable education during a comprehensive presentation on Special Education services. Their overview highlighted the foundational principles guiding OVSD's approach, including a robust continuum of services that ranges from general education supports to highly specialized programs such as Special Day Classes and Residential Treatment Centers. This framework is further supported by essential related services, including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and mental health support. Additionally, OVSD's collaborative partnership with the West Orange County Consortium for Special Education (WOCCSE) expands access to shared resources and specialized expertise across participating districts. The complete presentation can be obtained here.

Governor's May Revise Budget Update

Keith Farrow, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented the Governor's May Revise Budget Update for 2025-26. The minimal adjustments to the 2025–26 state budget, included a reduced COLA from 3.29% to 2.30% and ongoing use of one-time funds to balance long-term obligations. The full presentation can be viewed here.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 10, 2025