Ocean View School District

Board Connections

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September 8, 2026

Elementary School Presentation: Circle View



Circle View Elementary Principal Julie Ernst shared the amazing experience her Eagles had last year with Team Kids, a program that empowers students to make a difference through service, leadership, and community action. Through student-led projects and partnerships with Team Kids Coach Isabelle, firefighters, police, and community organizations, students discovered that their voices and actions can create meaningful change. From choosing a charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, to creating businesses and hosting a carnival fundraiser, the Eagles put leadership into action and raised an incredible $1,138! We're so proud of our students for showing us that you're never too young to make a difference.

Facilities Summer Projects

Executive Director of Facilities & Transportation Jim Choate presented an overview of OVSD's 2026 summer facility projects. Major projects included a new restroom building at Harbour View, extensive upgrades to Star View's portable classrooms, asphalt improvements for the Facilities & Transportation site, and parking lot improvements at Circle View. View the entire presentation here.

Expanded Learning And Childcare Program

Director of Expanded Learning and Childcare Kari Grace provided an update on OVSD's Expanded Learning and Childcare Programs. She shared that the District continues to qualify for Districtwide Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) funding, allowing the program to be offered at no cost to all families with students in TK-6th grade. This past summer, 831 students participated in programming offered at all 10 elementary schools in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntington Valley, enjoying enrichment opportunities ranging from science and art to field trips and special activities. For the 2026–27 school year, more than 2,000 students are enrolled in the program. Director Grace also announced that ELOP will contribute $50 toward the cost of the overnight field trip for each participating fifth-grade student, further expanding access to meaningful learning experiences beyond the classroom. See the complete presentation here.

2026-27 Enrollment And Attendance

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Keith Farrow presented an overview of OVSD's 2026–27 enrollment and attendance, highlighting trends affecting schools across the District. First-week enrollment totaled 6,279 students, compared to an estimate of 6,336, reflecting the broader pattern of declining enrollment occurring across California. Farrow explained that smaller incoming student cohorts, combined with larger eighth-grade classes that promote out of the District, continue to affect overall enrollment. At the same time, significant differences in school size create staffing and scheduling complexities. The presentation also emphasized the importance of regular student attendance, which strengthens learning, engagement, and relationships, while helping OVSD maintain staffing, programs, and innovative opportunities for students amid declining enrollment. Access the full presentation here.

2025-26 Unaudited Actuals Report

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Keith Farrow presented an overview of OVSD's 2025–26 Unaudited Actuals, highlighting the District's year-end financial position and key budget considerations. The presentation showed a $32.8 million ending General Fund balance, approximately $1.75 million higher than estimated, with expenditures coming in nearly $2.9 million below projections. Farrow also noted that the budget year ended before collective bargaining agreements were finalized, an important consideration when reviewing the year-end financial picture. He also outlined ongoing fiscal challenges, including declining enrollment, low school enrollment, attendance, underfunded programs, and economic uncertainty. The complete presentation can be found here.

Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 22, 2026