

Weekly Organizational Brief - September 11, 2026

Superintendent

MCSD had a successful series of elementary back-to-school nights that took place Wednesday and Thursday of this last week.

Thursday, September 17th, the middle schools will host a back-to-school night.

Inquiry: Discipline Inputting Process Response: MCSD utilizes two methods to capture discipline incidents at school sites. Non-administrators utilize the MCSD Minor Log Google Form, which allows them to list the incidents and responses that lead up to a referral to the office/administration. This information was not readily available or recorded digitally in the past, since non-administrators would use a paper method to log minor behaviors. The second method is the AERIES Assertive Discipline screen. Administrators utilize this method to record every disciplinary incident they respond to. Both methods provide data that is utilized by each site to identify trends and adjust response accordingly. This link visualizes each method.

Inquiry: Please provide an update regarding the status of reading intervention personnel for the next 2-3 years?

Response: A board update is reflected in the governance calendar scheduled for October. This board information item is prepared for the September 22nd board meeting.

Inquiry: Please provide a list of grants that MCSD has submitted in the last year and their status. This will be available in the upcoming Friday WOB.

Educational Services

- LCAP Engagement Begins: On Tuesday, September 15, 2026, MCSD District staff will meet with Merced's Black Parallel School Board, CSEA #530 E-board, and the MCTA E-board to begin reviewing the updated 2026-2027 MCSD LCAP. The next day, Wednesday, September 16, 2026, the MCSD LCAP Parent Advisory Committee will have its first meeting, too.
- MUHSD - MCSD MARS Internship Program: Applications for the MUHSD-MCSD MARS Internship Program have been opened this week. Last week, Thursday, September 4, and Friday, September 5, 2026, Coordinator Kristal Russell will host informational sessions with MUHSD students and their CTE teachers from their respective sites. These informational sessions will provide prospective interns with guidance on when and how to apply for the 2026-27 MARS Internship Program, as well as timelines for interviews and documentation needed - if accepted.

Weekly Organizational Brief - September 11, 2026

- Community Engagement Specialist Update: MCSD's Community Engagement Specialist has made 597 parent contacts to date. Efforts include phone calls, on-site meetings with families, at-home visits with families, personal connections with students and staff, as well as attendance at community events.

Administrative Services

Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

Tenaya Middle School Classroom Repairs Update (Rooms 28 & 29)

- Contractor Site Walk & Scope: An on-site walk was completed with the contractor to review the full scope of work for portables 28 and 29, with formal pricing expected early next week.
- Transition to Contracted Labor: Department leadership offered multiple opportunities for in-house maintenance staff to complete the work; however, voluntary staff participation was insufficient to cover the required weekend manpower. To ensure repairs are completed in a timely, efficient manner without disrupting weekday instruction, the district is moving forward with an outside contractor.
- Internal Staff Redirection: In-house personnel will remain fully deployed on standard daytime campus work orders to maintain daily operational momentum across all sites.

District Work Order Activity (August 28 – September 4)

Weekly Snapshot: During this one-week reporting period, maintenance staff completed 66 work orders, with 55 currently in progress across district sites.

- Tenaya Middle School: 3 work orders were completed, and 2 remain in progress for the week.

School Site In Progress/ Completed

Burbank 1/ 2

Chenoweth 8/ 1

Clark Pre-school 2/ 3

Cruickshank 2/ 3

Franklin 3/ 6

Fremont 1/ 0

Givens 5/ 4

Confidential

Weekly Organizational Brief - September 11, 2026

Gracey 1/ 0
Hoover 3/ 6
Muir 4/ 2
Peterson 4/ 4
Reyes 3/ 3
Riviera Elementary 1/ 1
Riviera Middle 2/ 5
Sheehy 3/ 4
Stefani 3/ 2
Stowell 2/ 4
Tenaya 2/ 3
Wright 5/ 13

Total (8/28 – 9/4) 55/ 66

Facilities Services

Follow-Up: Portable Replacement Timeline & Financial Reality. Following Board comments regarding replacing portable classrooms, Facilities provides the following operational and financial context on modular replacement projects:

- **Timeline Scale (Franklin Example):** Full classroom replacement requires an extensive 2-year process from design to occupancy (5 months design, 2 months bidding, 3 months DSA pre-work, 4–6 months DSA review, 3 months site bidding, 3–6 months site work, and 3 months final hookups/inspections).
- **Cost Comparison:** New classroom construction ranges from \$800 to \$1,200 per sq. ft. (\$800K–\$1.1M per room). Replacing the 3 Tenaya portables would have cost \$2.4M to \$3.3M with a 2-year wait time, whereas the completed interior modernization achieved the same functional goal for under \$456,000.
- **State Eligibility Rules:** State modernization funds become available after a portable turns 20 years old for upgrades only, not full replacement. Full replacement is paid 100% at district expense, as state grants only cover a fraction of modernization costs based on complex enrollment formulas.

Weekly Organizational Brief - September 11, 2026

Human Resources

Bus Driver Job Description Update

The Bus Driver job description has been updated to add language regarding the ability to obtain a bus driver's license. By offering on-the-job training for candidates to earn their license upon hire, this change eliminates a key barrier to entry, broadens our candidate pool, and accelerates recruitment efforts.

Remote LiveScan Fingerprinting

To make compliance convenient for our families following recent state law changes, CenCal LiveScan visited two sites this week to provide on-site fingerprinting for parent volunteers. The event was a success, processing over 20 volunteer background checks and streamlining the clearance process for our school community.

Communications

- [Events Calendar](#)