Ocean View School District

Board Connections

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Elementary School Presentation: Hope View



Hope View Principal Christy Luckey and teacher Ms. Emily Yamaguchi shared how students have kicked off the school year with engaging, hands-on science and engineering experiences. With support from the Assistance League and Hope View PTO, teachers have enhanced the Inspire Science curriculum with activities that encourage students to explore, experiment, collaborate, and problem-solve. Fourth and fifth grade students have already investigated the sugar and flavoring content of different brands of bubble gum through the "By Golly, By Gum!" experiment, designed protective structures for an egg drop challenge, and put their engineering skills to the test by building self-standing spaghetti and marshmallow towers, along with other fun and innovative experiments. Students also shared their experiences being scientists and engineers while developing important skills in communication, creativity, teamwork, and critical thinking.



Board Appoints Tracy Souders Curriculum Specialist

The Board appointed Tracy Souders as Curriculum Specialist. She brings nearly 30 years of experience in OVSD, serving students from TK through eighth grade. She spent more than 20 years at Golden View Elementary before transitioning to Marine View Middle School, where she has taught seventh- and eighth-grade English Language Arts since 2017. Her extensive experience across both elementary and middle school, combined with her background in curriculum development, literacy, Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), differentiated instruction, and professional development, will provide a valuable K–8 perspective in her new role.

Board Recognizes PBIS Winners



We honored our California Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Award-winning schools for their commitment to creating positive, welcoming, and supportive learning environments where every student can thrive. These awards reflect the dedication of our students, staff, families, and school communities to fostering positive behaviors, building strong relationships, and creating school environments that support student success.

Platinum Implementation Award: College View, Harbour View, Hope View, Lake View, Marine View, Mesa View, Oak View, Star View, Village View, Vista View, and Westmont

Gold Implementation Award: Circle View and Golden View



Schools To Watch

The Board of Trustees celebrated Vista View Middle School for its redesignation as a 2026 National School to Watch, honoring the school's continued commitment to academic excellence, innovation, equity, and meeting the unique needs of middle school students. Vista View provides a variety of opportunities for students, including STEAM-focused learning, CTE pathways, a GATE magnet program, and leadership opportunities. The school also earned 2026 Platinum-level PBIS recognition, highlighting its commitment to creating a positive and supportive school culture. Together, these honors celebrate the dedication of Vista View's students, staff, and families and the school's continued commitment to helping every Falcon soar.

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Village View Earns Blue Ribbon Honor



Village View was honored by the Board of Trustees for earning USA Blue School status from the National Marine Educators Association. Village View is one of only four schools in California, and approximately 50 nationwide, to receive this recognition. The honor celebrates the school's commitment to incorporating marine science and the Ocean Literacy Principles into students' everyday learning. Through conservation lessons, hands-on experiences, and the student-led Marine Science Expo, Village View Dolphins are gaining a deeper understanding of our oceans and learning how they can play a role in protecting them for the future.

Ebikes: Students On The Move

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Danielle Phillips provided an overview of student e-bike use in OVSD, including District policies, safety requirements, and current usage. She noted that students riding e-bikes to school must complete Huntington Beach Police Department safety training, wear helmets, follow traffic laws, and park in designated areas. Data collected in September showed 80 e-bikes at OVSD middle schools, compared with just one at the elementary level. The presentation also highlighted the District's partnership with the Huntington Beach Police Department to educate students and families about e-bike laws, safety, and parent responsibilities. The complete presentation can be viewed here.

District Goals Update

Superintendent Dr Julianne Hoefer presented an update on progress toward OVSD's five District goals: Student Achievement and Attendance, Property Portfolio, Customer Service, Community and Parent Engagement, and Effective, Efficient Systems and Structures. Highlights included Meet & Greet and Back-to-School Night events, a continued focus on improving student attendance, the Golden Bell validation visit for the GATE Academy Certification program, ongoing due diligence for the Pleasant View and Sun View properties, and recognition of the IT team for outstanding customer service. The update also highlighted strong community engagement through social media, continued updates to District policies and regulations, and successful recruitment efforts that resulted in the hiring of more than 60 classified and 35 certificated employees.