September 25, 2026 Website WOB

Board/Trustee Requests	
Inquiry: Provide information on the Tenaya Responsibility (Detention) and RJL shared room and what the facilities/furniture plan is.	**Response:** Regarding the shared space for the Responsibility (Detention) program and RJL at Tenaya Middle School, a site furniture audit was conducted on September 22, 2026, by the Director of Maintenance, Operations & Transportation (MO & T), Deputy Superintendent, and Principal Curtis Boyenga. After evaluating the campus, site administration determined that no alternative space is currently available. To significantly improve the room's environment and functionality, the team developed an immediate enhancement plan: painting the current green wall white, ensuring carpeting throughout the entire space, and constructing a bench or cabinetry along the wall to serve a functional and educational purpose. Additionally, the layout will be transformed into a hybrid model, featuring one side outfitted with student desks and chairs alongside the new bench or cabinetry, and the other side configured with single-row seating to facilitate RJL circle activities and strategies. As emphasized by the Director of MO & T, these improvements are designed to make the space aesthetically more welcoming and effective for all students using the room.
Inquiry: How many families were assisted by the SUN Bucks program?	**Response:** ● The SUN Bucks program is run by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). SUN Bucks helps families buy food during the summer when schools are not in session. Eligible children will receive $120 SUN Bucks benefits if they qualify. Students do not need to apply if any of the following apply: ○ The student receives CalFresh, CalWORKs, or Medi-Cal (Certified at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level). ○ The student is in foster care. ○ The student is experiencing homelessness and/or is considered a runaway. ● Students who are not eligible based on the qualifications above may be eligible through the Universal Benefits Application. During the period July 1, 2025-August 31, 2026, the

	following data were reported for students who participated through UBA: 302 (Approved: 224, Denied: 78).
Inquiry: What was the student enrollment for both Stefani classrooms that were collapsed?	**Response:** The 4th-grade classroom average before collapsing was 25.67. The 5th-grade classroom average was 26 students. The hard cap in both grade levels 4th and 5th is 32.
Inquiry: What is the MCSD Emergency Preparedness Plan?	**Response:** This information will be provided in next week's WOB.

Board Information Update

Educational Services

- **Montessori Update:** The 4/5 Montessori class is settling in with their new teacher. We anticipate that this will continue. Our Montessori Mentor continues to support the Montessori teacher, and we are looking forward to continuing our efforts to stabilize, develop, and expand our Montessori program for our families and community. Please stay tuned for updates!

- **Elementary Music Update:** We are excited to welcome our new music teacher to MCSD! Mrs. Kathy Lee will begin shadowing Mr. Hofland on Wednesday. She brings a wealth of joy, experience, and passion to music, and we are certain she will be an excellent addition! We are grateful to Mr. Hofland for serving these schools while we hired Mrs. Lee. Mrs. Lee will be the Elementary Music teacher at Peterson, Gracey, Muir, and Fremont Schools.

- **Department Secretary Update:** The PDC is happy to welcome Sarah Coate as our new Department Secretary.

- **Local Control Accountability Plan Community Partner Meeting Update:** District staff met with MCTA leadership on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, to review the basics of the MCSD LCAP. A meeting scheduled for September 15 with CSEA leadership was rescheduled for Friday, October 2, 2026.

- **Proposition 28: Arts & Music in Schools Budget Workshop:** District staff met with site principals to support the development of their Prop 28 plans, offering two options on Zoom on Wednesday, September 23, and Thursday, September 24.

- MCSD ELOP High School Internship Program Update: We are excited to share a significant milestone for our High School Internship Program as we launch its second year.
    - We received **53 total applications** from high school seniors enrolled in the Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway for Education.
    - Our team will be interviewing these candidates over the next week to select this year's cohort of 20 students.
    - This program allows students to gain valuable, real-world experience while helping us cultivate and recruit talent from within our own community

The long-term value of this initiative is already showing results. Following the conclusion of last year's inaugural cohort, several graduating seniors applied for regular employment positions at MARS. We look forward to continuing this momentum and creating clear pathways from classroom to career.

Administrative Services

Maintenance, Operations and Transportation

Furniture Inventory & Schedule Adjustment: As we continue gathering the district-wide furniture inventory, staff noted that many existing classroom setups do not align with our district's Educational Specifications. To bridge this gap and ensure equity across all sites, we are adjusting our schedule to include a collaborative review process. In **January**, a representative group of district and school site staff will visit a vendor showroom featuring grade-level furniture compliant with our Educational Specifications. This hands-on review will allow staff to select and approve additional furniture models to update our district standards.

- **Updated Project Timeline:**
    - **December:** Complete district-wide furniture inventory list.
    - **January:** Hold site representative showroom meetings and finalize specification updates.
    - **Spring:** Roll out updated replacement plan schedules and site evaluation findings.

Site Support & Relationship Building (Tenaya Classroom 28):

Our maintenance staff is actively completing the minor work order requests for Tenaya Classroom 28 to ensure all items are promptly addressed. Across all sites, our team places high value on cultivating strong, collaborative relationships with teachers and school staff. Because our maintenance teams work day shifts alongside school staff, these positive partnerships are essential for completing routine work orders seamlessly and addressing emergency repairs swiftly. By coordinating closely with teachers, our team ensures maintenance needs are resolved in a timely, safe manner while keeping classroom disruptions to an absolute minimum.

Work Orders:

The weekly number for work orders may look a little different this week. We have tasked staff with cleaning up the work order system and updating any old work orders they had not previously completed. This will help to ensure accurate data moving forward.

Work orders from 9/11 through 9/18		
School Site	In progress	Completed
Burbank	2	3
Chenoweth	1	7
Cruickshank	3	7

Franklin	3	11
Fremont	2	1
Clark Pre-school	3	3
Givens	3	3
Gracey	0	4
Hoover	35	17
Muir	0	10
Peterson	1	2
Reyes	5	5
Rivera Elementary	3	2
Rivera Middle	0	5
Sheehy	1	6
Stefani	2	5
Stowell	0	6
Tenaya	5	13
Wright	1	3
Total	70	113

Facilities

- On Wednesday, September 23rd, staff hosted a “Pre-submission Meeting” for architectural firms interested

in submitting their qualifications for consideration for developing a 5-year plan for Stowell Elementary School. We had 6 firms participate. Attendance was mandatory to be considered for this project. We have some firms that we have worked with, and others that have done great work for neighboring districts. We anticipate that we will have a very solid pool of candidates to select from. Submissions are due by 1:00 p.m. on October 15, 2026. Our first review committee will take place on October 20th, and final interviews will be held on November 15th. It is anticipated that an item will be brought to the Board in December to award a contract to the selected firm. Our target date for a final plan will be June 2027.

Communications

- Events Calendar