October 2, 2026 Website WOB

Superintendent

For the week of September 28th, I was able to visit Tenaya Middle School to meet with the Leadership students to collect feedback on the school's areas of strength and feedback for improvements. Students shared that they enjoyed the sports, clubs, and activities that were offered. They also shared items that were popular on the school lunch menu and items that were unpopular, and suggested exploring an alternative menu option. They had especially positive feedback about the breakfast menu. I will continue to meet with each middle school student leadership team throughout the year as well as our district student advisory team. In addition, I was able to visit Mr. Bastian's Paxton/ Paterson Lab Class. Over the years, he has introduced new hands-on modules (Agriculture and Natural Resources-Plant and Soil Science) aligned to CTE pathways to our Tenaya students. Our Paxton/Patterson Labs offer practical, engaging learning modules designed for students to investigate STEM fields, health sciences, and diverse CTE pathways. I was also able to visit Chenoweth Elementary for Coffee with the Superintendent to collect feedback from our staff and families. In addition, I visited Peterson and Franklin Elementary.

Congratulations to our MCSD team members who were honored at the Merced County Excellence in Education Awards on Thursday, October 1st, and thank you to our trustees who were able to join us; your support means a lot!.

- Jose Munoz, Reyes Principal
- Savannah Ramirez, Reyes SDC Teacher
- Jeremy Spangler, Information Systems Specialist

Added Positions to support School Sites:

Position(s)	**Funding Sources**
4 Campus Security Liaisons for the Middle Schools	61% SSPDBG/39% ELOP
AP/LD at Cruickshank Middle School	Supplemental & Concentration
Part-Time Community Liaison at Cruickshank Middle School	Supplemental & Concentration
5 Special Education Instructional Assistants	Special Education/General Fund
Special Education Teacher	Special Education/General Fund

Board/Trustee Requests	
Inquiry: What is the MCSD Emergency Preparedness Plan?	**Response:** In response to board inquiry regarding winter weather readiness, District leadership and operational teams met on September 30, 2026, to establish a coordinated action plan across all departments. Below is a summary of actions taken, work currently underway, and upcoming next steps: ● **What Has Been Completed:**

	○ **Site Assessments:** Maintenance & Operations (M&O) conducted targeted walk-throughs on September 30 at high-priority sites (including Rivera Middle, Fremont, and Hoover Middle) following district-wide roof repairs over the last five years. ○ **Subcommittee Formation:** Formed a cross-departmental subcommittee (including Francisco Romo, Linda Parker, Dr. Cooper, Randy Sharp, Sergio Mendez, and Ashley Tighe) to lead ongoing mitigation. ● **What Is Currently In Progress:** ○ **Infrastructure Staging:** M&O is inspecting winter equipment, inventorying supplies (pumps, sandbags), and building preventative maintenance schedules. ○ **Flood & Route Planning:** Transportation is working to establish a direct connection with the City to map potential flood zones and establish rerouting plans. ○ **Outreach & Academic Continuity:** Pupil Services, Communications, and Outreach Specialists are drafting ParentSquare emergency templates and preparing Independent Study scripts (J-13 Waiver) to prevent instructional loss during severe weather. ● **Upcoming / Next Steps:** ○ **Driver Training:** Transportation safety meetings focused on winter driving skills kick off in October. ○ **Admin Resource Sheet:** Standardizing a one-page Emergency Resource Document for administrators. Here a link with a recent article regarding El Nino.https://edsource.org/2026/el-nino-california-

	school-flood-risk/767325 This will also be a topic at an upcoming Merced County Superintendent Council meeting, with more information to follow in a future WOB.

Board Information Update

Educational Services

- **MCSD Local Control Accountability Plan Community Forum #1:** Charles Wright will be the host site for the first of two MCSD LCAP Community Forums. It will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026 @ Charles Wright from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. A light dinner will be provided to participants. School sites are identifying at least one family, a certificated staff member, and a classified staff member to attend from their site. We will be discussing the basics of our LCAP and begin to review our current Goals and Actions.

- **English Learner Reclassification Change:** AB 2555 changed California's English learner reclassification requirements effective September 27, 2026. The sole criterion is now an Overall Performance Level 4 on the Summative ELPAC or an Overall Performance Level 3 on the Summative Alternate ELPAC. Teacher evaluation, parent consultation, and basic skills comparisons are no longer required criteria.

  Our team is preparing updates to the Board Policy, EL Master Plan, district reclassification form, and website. We are also identifying newly eligible students and coordinating with Learning Directors to support implementation once the revised form is available. A parent notification is being developed to explain the new requirement. Since Title III letters were recently sent home, this communication will clarify the change from the reclassification criteria outlined in those letters.

Administrative Services

Maintenance & Operations Updates

- **Franklin Elementary Site Assessment:** Superintendent Stocking, Deputy Superintendent Francisco Romo, MOT Director Randy Sharp, and site leadership visited Franklin Elementary on Thursday to investigate unwatered planters and declining landscaping.
  - *Next Steps:* (1) Identify current irrigation infrastructure, (2) determine the appropriate fix, and (3) re-establish working irrigation before planting new vegetation.
- **Weekly Work Orders (Sept 18 – Sept 25):** The M&O team completed **114 work orders** this week while progressing on 55 active requests.

School Site	In Progress	Completed

Burbank	5	2
Chenoweth	7	4
Cruickshank	2	4
Franklin	1	6
Fremont	9	3
Clark Pre-school	1	3
Givens	1	19
Gracey	2	0
Hoover	5	10
Muir	5	1
Peterson	0	2
Reyes	5	4

Rivera Elementary	1	6
Rivera Middle	0	0
Sheehy	0	3
Stefani	4	15
Stowell	2	2
Tenaya	4	2
Wright	4	2
TOTAL	**55**	**114**

Communications

- Events Calendar