

September 18, 2026 Website WOB

Superintendent:

Thank you to our Middle Schools who hosted Back to School Night on Thursday, September 17th. This week I was able to visit Gracey Elementary, Muir Elementary, Cruickshank Middle School, and Tenaya Middle School for Back to School Night. I look forward to our Tuesday Board Meeting, and please reach out should you have any questions. Have a great weekend!

Inquiry: Please provide a list of grants that MCSD has submitted in the last year and their status.	Response: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy Coaches and Reading Specialists Grant Program: Currently active, providing reading intervention teachers to the (3) sites that qualified.• California Community Schools Partnership Program: Currently active. 15-18 schools qualified.• Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG): In progress, partnership with MUHSD.• Supporting Inclusive Practices (SIP) Special Education Grant: In progress, partnership with MCOE.• GATES Foundation Math Support Grant: In progress, partnership with MCOE.• 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) & ASSETs: Active, partnership with MCOE.• Open Outdoors for Kids Grant Program: Applied-denied. Will utilize other funds to continue academic excursion to Yosemite (4th grade).• California State Preschool Program (CSPP) QRIS Block Grant: Active.• Pending applications:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Middle School Career Technical Education Grant (opens early 2027).○ K-12 Strong Workforce Program (K12 SWP)
Inquiry: Provide information on the Tenaya Responsibility (Detention) and RJL shared room and what the facilities/furniture plan is.	Response: Regarding this space currently being used for the Responsibility(Detention) room and RJL. Mr. Romo, Mr. Sharp, and the Tenaya Principal will revisit this space to see what needs to be done and/or if there is an alternate space that can be used. An update will be included in next Friday's WOB.

Deputy Superintendent

Operational Update: Attendance Trends & State Dashboard Context

District chronic absenteeism dropped to 13.0% as of Sept. 11, down from our 24.3% baseline. This early drop is thanks to everyday teamwork across our families, site staff (teachers, classified staff, and principals), and district office support.

- **District Trend:** 24.3% (Baseline) → 19.0% (Sept 4) → 13.0% (Sept 11)
- **Site Highlights:** Burbank, Gracey, Peterson, Reyes, and Stefani are sitting at 10.0%. Stowell (31.8% → 13.0%) and Tenaya (31.0% → 14.0%) showed major early gains.
- **CDE Dashboard Note:** Next month's state dashboard release will show *last year's* 2025–26 historical data (24.3% baseline). Our weekly internal tracking (13.0%) reflects our live, active enrollment for this school year.
- **Next Steps:** These numbers show great initial momentum, but attendance changes as the weather and flu season hit. Staff will keep monitoring weekly heatmaps to support sites all year.

Educational Services

- We are excited about our Elementary VAPA Program. We recently interviewed and selected the final Elementary Music teacher. We are hopeful the onboarding process will go quickly so Mr. Hofland can get back to the five elementary bands that have had to postpone their start. Mr. Hofland has been filling in as the substitute for Teacher B and teaching 65 classes in grades TK-4 and two elementary bands in a two-week period. We look forward to having our full team in the next few weeks! Art and Music lessons alternate at each of our elementary schools, as well as Dance and PE, making a very robust Elementary VAPA program.
- MCSD is expecting \$511,000 in grant funds for Career Technical Education (CTE) development in our middle schools. The CTEIG (Career Technical Education Incentive Grant) will be very beneficial for our district. Our team met with MUHSD team members to discuss the possibilities for the grant funds and how we might continue building our program.

Administrative Services

Fiscal

- **Indirect Cost Adjustment:** During the final audit, it was determined that the indirect cost posted for one resource within the Cafeteria Fund required revision. In order to be compliant, a corrective entry was made prior to September 15, within the allowable timeline, impacting the fund balance of both General and Cafeteria Funds. The value of the corrective entry is \$3,312.52. For transparency purposes, the revised Form 01 (General Fund) and Form 13 (Cafeteria Fund) documents are included on the Consent Agenda for the September 22 meeting, reflecting the adjusted fund balances.

Maintenance, Operations & Transportation (MO&T)

Clark Preschool Building Repairs & Transition Schedule

- **Contractor Status:** All structural repair work is complete; final completion walkthrough is pending.
- **Internal Utility Reconnection:** In-house teams are finalizing utility reconnections disconnected during the building lift, with target completion by the end of this week.
- **Furniture Reset:** Classroom furniture setup begins the week of September 21.

- **Site Hand-Off:** Final site handover for student use is projected for the week of September 28.

Weekly Work Order Status (Sept 4 – Sept 11, 2026)

During this reporting period, MO&T completed 114 work orders district-wide, with 55 actively in progress. Tenaya Middle School specifically logged 4 completed work orders and 2 in progress.

School Site	In Progress	Completed
Burbank	0	1
Chenoweth	16	3
Cruickshank	3	9
Franklin	3	1
Fremont	2	8
Clark Preschool	1	3
Givens	4	6
Gracey	0	1
Hoover	1	8
John Muir	4	11
Peterson	0	4
Reyes	2	7
Rivera Elementary	1	1
Rivera Middle	0	11
Sheehy	10	2

Communications

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Stefani	1	22
Stowell	1	6
Tenaya	2	4
Wright	4	6
Total	55	114