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The holidays are just ahead, with the warm days of October behind us. For those who celebrate, I wish you a Happy Diwali. I hope families enjoyed a fun, safe Halloween, and as we honor our heroes on Veterans Day this Wednesday, the Thanksgiving holidays will be here before we know it.

A special thanks to our partners at the City of Cupertino for our sister-city cultural exchange visits with the Toyokawa delegation and the Hsinchu delegation, two weeks of meaningful cultural exchanges that I know will have a positive impact on our students, both as hosts and when our students visit in the spring. Thank you to our host families for the warm welcome and support of both delegations. Our world is global, and these programs reinforce the importance of our Portrait of a Learner work with this year's focus on Global Contributor. More on the sister-city visits below.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the continued hard work of our Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), a group of community members and staff, including our labor partners, who are analyzing all aspects of our budget in order to make adjustments for the years ahead. Again, we currently have a structural deficit of $7M for next year, and another $3M the year after. Essentially, we are spending $10M more than we are taking in. Over the last two years, we have made some adjustments, but at this point, with a State-required reserve of just over 3%, we must make significant adjustments for next year.

An additional factor to be considered is our decline in enrollment, which declined by over 400 students from last year to this year, and is projected to decline another 200-400 students next year and in subsequent years. I share this because our staffing must be aligned to our student enrollment, which means we must reduce staffing starting next year. I share this difficult news to prepare you for difficult decisions ahead. Schools are all about people, and our budget is mostly made up of people. Reducing people is difficult and emotional work that we should all prepare for.

To learn more about our decline in enrollment, I invite you to watch the November 12th Board meeting, where enrollment projections will be presented. I also invite you to our next BAC meeting on November 30th at 11:30 AM here at the District Office (1309 S. Mary Ave., Sunnyvale), open to all, where we will refine recommendations for budget adjustments to be presented to the Board in January.

Take care during these crisp November days, and most of all, thank you to all who served on November 11th and always.

In partnership,
Jennifer Hawn, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Educational Excellence

Screen Time on Take-Home Devices

As part of our ongoing effort to support healthy digital habits and balanced screen time, CUSD is preparing to introduce new management updates for all middle school take-home devices beginning this December, aligned with Winter Break. CUSD plans to implement a nightly downtime between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. Our technology team is testing the setup for both Chromebooks and iPads and finalizing how parents/guardians can override the feature to support unique routines. Once the technical setup is finalized, CUSD will share step-by-step instructions with parents/guardians. Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to support student wellness.

Balancing Academic Success and Well-Being



Join us **tonight**, 7:30–8:45 p.m., for a free, virtual webinar on **supporting student academic success while nurturing their mental health and well-being**. Panelists from CUSD, Sunnyvale Elementary School District, and Fremont Union High School District will share insights, available resources, and services to help students and families, including:

- Supporting students' social-emotional needs
- Balancing academic achievement and emotional wellness
- Accessing school-based wellness services and community resources

🔗 **Zoom Meeting Link: https://bit.ly/4Byu6k0**
Meeting ID: 844 7197 6551
Passcode: 116626

CA Commission for Behavioral Health

California Assembly Bill AB 2003, passed in July 2026, is a state law that permanently provides free, statewide online suicide prevention training for K-12 schools. The California Commission for Behavioral Health is currently developing the Suicide Prevention Online Training (SPOT) modules, which are designed to train K-12 school staff, parents or caregivers, and students who are 13 years of age or older in suicide prevention 101. This November and December, CCBH is requesting feedback from parents/guardians, caregivers, educators, and students on their recently developed online training sessions. See the attached flyer for more information.

Bond Work

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee

On Nov. 5, 2024, voters residing within the CUSD passed Measure Z. Measure Z is a $347 million bond measure that authorizes funding for needed repairs, upgrades, and new construction projects to the District's schools.

As part of Measure Z, CUSD must appoint a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC). Per Education Code Section 15272, the CUSD Board of Education appointed a Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee to ensure Measure Z funds are spent as promised and specified, and for no other purpose. For more information, visit 🔗 **https://cusdbond.org/**.

There are vacancies on the CBOC that need to be filled with qualified community members in the following categories:

- **Parent/Guardian of a student enrolled in the District**
- **Active in a Senior Citizens' Organization**

If you are interested in serving on the Cupertino Union School District's Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, please complete and submit an 🔗 **online application**. We will accept applications **through November 22, 2026, or until vacancies are filled.**

District Highlights

Sister-City Delegations

During the last two weeks of October, CUSD welcomed student delegates from Cupertino Sister Cities Toyokawa, Japan, and Hsinchu, Taiwan. Student delegates attended school with CUSD students and experienced life in California. This decades-long student exchange partnership program with Toyokawa and Hsinchu provides a real-world, authentic opportunity for students to develop the Portrait of Learner competencies: Global Contributor: someone who asks questions, actively listens, and considers the experiences of others in order to make a positive impact in the world; and Resilient Learner: someone who builds confidence by taking positive risks and persevering through challenges. The visiting adult chaperones also had an opportunity to visit CUSD schools, learn more about teaching and learning in CUSD, and foster educational connections.



CEEF 5K - Registration Now Open!



Join us for one of our most loved community events — the **CEEF & CUSD 2026 Run for Great Schools 5K + Kids Dash on Sunday, March 20, 2027, at 8:30 AM.** The race starts and ends at Homestead High School.

Since 2015, this fun, inclusive event has brought CUSD students, parents, educators, and neighbors together to celebrate school pride, wellness, and community while supporting TK-8 education. So get your running/walking shoes ready!

🔗 **Register today at https://ceefcares.org/2027-ceef-5k/**