



## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Fal Asrani

Wednesday, September 11, 2024



Dear MJUSD Community:

Another robust School Board meeting was held last night. We welcomed our new Student Board member, Norleya Insixiengmay from Lindhurst High School, elected by ASB student representatives from all the secondary schools.

A huge thank you to parents Brandi Schwartz, Carmmi Ellyson, Michelle Parsons and LHS teacher Kimo Kupser for establishing the district's nonprofit foundation (Students First). The sole intent is to raise funds for additional student requests such as scholarships field trips, etc. that is above and beyond what the district can support. Thank you parents and Mr. Kupser. We also celebrated the After School programs team who provide endless support to our students and the community all year- during inter-sessions, before and after school, and during summer break. This group is a finalist for the California School Boards recognition this year.

The presentation from the schools and Education services showed progress in the internal reading and math assessments. However, that performance is not transferring to the State tests. There is significant progress in students enrolled in challenging courses in middle and high schools and CTE programs. The data also showed that Foster, Homeless, African American and students in the Special Education program are in need of targeted intervention and the district team is working on this.

Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Passaglia presented the end of the year budget report for 2023-24 that showed the fiscal solvency of the district and the conservative spending practices that we have maintained. It is because of this that we have been able to complete four large projects - Covillaud, Foothill schools and the tracks at Lindhurst and Marysville.

The Director of Wellness, Mr. Tony Perez presented the district's work on health and wellness and the investment we have made to support this at all sites. With the new grant of \$2.5 million, we will add another layer of ongoing support.

There was a robust discussion on Parent Rights and students from MCAA were present to comment on the AB1955 law. Just for clarification, this law clearly supports parent communication by school officials but NOT if the student is in fear of the family and does not want their parents to know. School officials always work with students to make sure that families are involved, but if the student refuses to do so, the law prohibits school officials from communicating. Once again, school districts are put in the middle of a political situation.

**The Board also heard the following presentations:**

1. School Site Plans from LHS, Johnson Park, Ella, Abraham Lincoln, and South Lindhurst High School.
2. Presentation of the Educational Services Plan for direct technical assistance and district data.
3. An energy service program update from SiteLogIQ.

**The Board approved the following:**

1. Several contracts for Educational Services throughout the district for school sites, Afterschool Programs, and our Special Education program
2. Several field trips for FFA students
3. A grant for 2.5 million dollars for wellness
4. The Board also accepted a \$10,000.00 donation for North-South Lindhurst High School

We have many exciting activities and events happening throughout the district. I encourage you to visit your school website to check out the school calendar of events and tune in every Sunday evening to The Sunday Scoop to hear about all the events happening throughout the district for the week. Also don't forget to follow us on Facebook.

Please join me for the Let's Connect Zoom parent meeting on Monday, September 23rd at 5:00 pm. This is your opportunity to speak to me directly. The next regular Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2024. Public meetings start at 5:30 pm. Contact me directly at [fasrani@mjud.k12.ca.us](mailto:fasrani@mjud.k12.ca.us) for any questions you might have.

Sincerely,



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