



FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear MJUSD Community,

A lot has happened in the past couple of weeks and I would like to share some of it with you. On October 15, I attended a wonderful performance of the District Honor Band at Lindhurst High School. Our students are so talented and I am very proud of them. Last night, we had the pleasure of recognizing these Honor Band students at the start of our Board meeting. A big thanks to our music teachers and directors for working with them to be the best they can be!

This past Saturday I had the honor of attending a rededication ceremony for the Arboga Assembly Center Memorial Park. This memorial was built through the tireless efforts of our community members and a generous grant from the California State Library Civil Liberties Program. The Arboga Assembly Center exists at the site where a temporary detention camp was established during World War II to house 2,465 Americans of Japanese ancestry who were forcibly removed from their homes and incarcerated. World War II is a big part of our U.S. History curriculum and this site is a living part of that history; we should all take the time to visit the site and learn more about the experiences of our fellow citizens.

Last week we hosted a meeting of key community partners and officials from Yuba County, including Sheriff Wendell Anderson, Superintendent Francisco Reveles and Supervisor Seth Fuhrer. Principals from Lindhurst High School, Yuba Gardens Intermediate School, and Johnson Park Elementary School were also in attendance. This meeting was the first step in setting up a joint district and community taskforce to look at how the community can take pride in our schools and learn more about the wonderful programs they offer. This group was called together after we heard safety concerns related to LHS during the last Board meeting. We discussed the need for community learning and recreational centers, family-centered activities, and safer public parks. We also talked about hosting school-community events where more families and neighbors can come together. We recognize that the district, school, and community leaders need to make a concerted effort to focus on the good things that are happening in our schools. This was the first meeting of this kind, and we were honored that our County leaders recognize our need to work together at a very different level.

Prior to last night's regularly scheduled Board meeting, we held a Board Study Session about the State budget where we heard an update from Capitol Advisors about how anticipated changes to education funding could impact school districts. MJUSD has made good investments using one-time funds to approve projects to update our learning facilities at Covillaud Elementary School and Foothill Intermediate School, among others. There will be a special Board meeting next Monday, October 31, at 12:00 pm, to discuss the upcoming Foothill project. You can watch the meeting livestream at www.mjUSD.com.

Here are some important highlights from the October 25, 2022, Board of Trustees meeting:

- Capitol Advisors gave a presentation about the State budget and its impact on schools.
- King Consulting gave a presentation about projected enrollment and how the demographics in our community play a role in our schools.
- Administrators from Marysville High School, Loma Rica Elementary School, and Foothill Intermediate School presented their school site plans.
- Jay Trujillo, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the priority goals for the Educational Services Division for the 2022-23 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fal Asrani".

Fal Asrani, Ed.D.
Superintendent