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Greetings MJUSD Community,

We have had a wonderful start to the 2022-23 school year! Thank you all for making our school communities so special. We have started off with almost 11,000 students! I have visited almost 10 schools already since the first day and will continue to visit more each week. I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our staff for all they do to create a supportive and exciting learning environment.

Last night at the Board of Trustees meeting we held a moment of silence for a young student whose life was tragically lost this past weekend. Our condolences and prayers go out to the family and the entire Cedar Lane community.

We also took some time last night to celebrate some wonderful people in our community. We had the privilege of recognizing Lindhurst High School student Vivian Jimenez Lopez and CTE Teacher Jim Walz for working hard this summer to build beautiful new tables for the MJUSD Board Room. Mr. Walz took a few moments to thank Vivian for her work ethic and willingness to help him with this project, and said that students like her are why he works in education. We also recognized members of the Yuba County School Attendance Review Board, who work together to understand why students are experiencing attendance and discipline issues and determine how to best meet the needs of those students. Lastly, we celebrated the Linda Lions Club for their service to our schools and our community. I am proud to be a member of this incredible organization.

Please read the following highlights from the August 23, 2022 Board Meeting:

- A representative from the Marysville Unified Teachers Association expressed significant concerns about teacher reassignments to alternate grades and sites in the first 10 days of the school year, which resulted in some classes at capacity. Here is what happened:
  - We saw increased enrollment in Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 6th grade, as well as decreased enrollment in 4th grade
  - We needed to place a credentialed teacher in each of these new classes
  - We prioritized keeping all students at their home school to limit disruption to familiesThis was indeed a hard decision and we understand the challenges that come with these changes. The modifications impacted 8 teachers who changed grades at their own sites and 5 teachers who had to transfer to teach at other sites. There are still about 6 positions that have substitutes that we have not been able to fill.
- We heard about some of the challenges at Arboga that came with starting school in the new building. The district and construction teams continue to work together to pass all the required county and state safety clearances to finalize installation of technology and classroom furniture. Delays are also a result of supply chain issues related to the pandemic. To address some of these concerns, we have assigned additional help with yard duty and PE classes and provided additional teachers to offset increased enrollment in Kindergarten and 6th grade classes.

- Bob Eckardt, Director of Adult Programs and Community Partnerships, provided an update on the new partnership between MJUSD, Yuba County Health & Human Services, and Ampla Health. Under this partnership, the first of its kind, start-of-school immunization clinics will be provided to assist families whose children are missing the immunizations required to attend school in person.
- Administrators from Cordua and Browns Valley elementary schools and Arboga Elementary School presented their School Site Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).
- The Board approved a pay rate of \$250 per day for long term substitute teachers for the 2022-23 school year.
- The Board approved an agreement with the Yuba County Office of Education and the Marysville Joint Unified School District for a Special Education Program Study with Maureen O'Leary Burness to identify and align services to best serve our students.
- A parent of a student with specialized needs expressed concerns that students were no longer being provided after-school transportation to daycare centers. Special Education Director Shevaun Mathews met with this parent and resolved the issue, which was a result of miscommunication with MJUSD families that attend YCOE programs; it was not a district decision. If families of students with specialized needs have questions or concerns about transportation, please call our Special Education office at 530-749-6180.
- The Board approved additional funds for work on the Arboga Elementary TK-8 Expansion Project, including curb replacement, drainage in the front lot, and frontage road at Arboga.
- The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Siembra Mobile Inc. to support College Connect, a mobile application designed to help get more students to college, track college preparedness, and strengthen the district's college-going culture. This app is free to download and was developed by Siembra in partnership with Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis and other higher education institutions.

I would like to thank Yuba County Health & Human Services and Ampla Health Lindhurst for the unique partnership that allows our students to access back-to-school immunizations at no cost to them. Together We Can!

Respectfully,



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