



## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Greetings MJUSD Community,

As we celebrate and commemorate Veterans Day on November 11, I would like to recognize our parents, staff, former students, and community members who have served or are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please join me in thanking each of them for their service and commitment to our community and our nation. I am mindful that we have many things to be thankful for at this time of year, especially how fortunate we are to live in a country that supports the opportunity for every child to have a quality education.

This past weekend I was honored to be a guest on the local Q93 radio show, along with Yuba County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Francisco Reveles, where I shared my vision for our students and community. We discussed our educational mission to offer students various pathways for preparation for career and college readiness that would help them succeed in the workforce of the future.

I visited Yuba College and met with President Dr. Tawny Dotson last week to discuss our ongoing collaboration to expand the Dual Enrollment Program, which allows students to complete college courses while in high school and receive both college and high school credits. MJUSD also offers the Early College Program, which is offered on the Marysville campus of Yuba College and 30 students are enrolled now. We plan to expand this for next year.

MJUSD's next student leadership forum will be held in the District Office Board Room on Wednesday, December 1. The first meeting of the newly created Superintendent's Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, and the next District Advisory Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, December 16. All these meetings are designed to gather input around ongoing conversations related to educational options and facilities upgrades.

Please read the following highlights from the November 9 Board of Trustees meeting:

- The Board approved the hiring of Mr. Zachary Schulz as the new Principal at Linda Elementary School. Please join me in welcoming him to our district.
- The Board approved an agreement with FEV Tutor to offer students access to 1:1 online tutoring 24/7 for homework and other coursework through any internet connected device. Students will be able to access the services through their Clever portal. More information will be coming to schools very soon so that parents and students can get a good understanding of how to access this opportunity.
- The Board approved and adopted Trustee Boundary Map B, which will redraw district lines in Trustee Area 3 and Trustee Area 4 based on requirements determined by the 2020 U.S. Census data.
- The Board approved an increase to the daily rate of pay for substitute teachers to \$200 per day in an effort to boost recruitment efforts amid a statewide substitute and staff shortage. With that in mind, please note that MJUSD is currently hiring for dozens of positions! You can review our job postings on the [district website](#) under the Employment tab.
- The Board approved a spending plan for a \$2.4 million District Educator Block Grant to be used to provide professional learning for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and classified staff in order to promote educator equity, quality, and effectiveness. The funds must be expended by the 2025-2026 school year.

As we head into our upcoming Thanksgiving celebrations, I would like to extend my thanks to all our staff and administrators for your countless hours of service to our students and our community; to our parents for your faith and confidence in our schools; and finally, to our Board of Trustees for your vision and commitment to lead our district to higher levels of student and staff success. I am grateful to be part of such a wonderful community, and I wish you all a safe, relaxing, and rewarding Thanksgiving Day with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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Proud Superintendent