

BOARD Highlights



Board Presented with Overview of Summer Learning

The Educational Services Directors gave a brief presentation on the summer learning provided by the District including Migrant Education student and parent programs, New to Kindergarten Class, Preschool Transition Class, Think Together, Special Education Extended School Year, and In-Person and Virtual Interventions. The summer programs provided outstanding instructional and enrichment opportunities for 1000 students.

Board Members Receive Information on El Monte Promise Foundation

Jennifer Cobian, Executive Director of the El Monte Promise Foundation provided an overview of the El Monte Promise Foundation's work to support the creation of a college-ready culture in El Monte and surrounding communities. She shared the many resources the foundation provides to MVSD students and families including the Scholars Savings Program and parent workshops on college readiness, financial literacy and more.

Board Approves Agreement with Concentric by Ginko for COVID-19 Testing Services

The Board approved an agreement with Concentric by Ginko to provide pooled COVID-19 testing for students and employees. Pooled testing is a screening testing approach in which specimens from all students in one group (up to 25) are combined and tested with a single test. The advantage to this approach is that during specimen collection, students do not need to be registered individually, substantially reducing time spent on testing. Because COVID-19 rates in K-12 schools have been low even during times of high community prevalence, the pooled test is infrequently positive, and hence the need for follow-up individual antigen testing is low. Parent consent will be required for students to participate in pooled testing. Funded through a grant with the California Department of Public Health, Concentric by Ginko offers the pooled testing and follow-up diagnostic tests at no cost to school districts. The Concentric Testing Program Features: Voluntary weekly pooled PCR testing by classroom cohort groups, self-administered by students and staff, with results within 36 hours; individual follow-up diagnostic antigen tests for positive pool, with results within 25 minutes; and individual mandatory diagnostic antigen tests for unvaccinated employees, with results within 25 minutes.

In other action the Board approved:

- Resolutions for Childhood Obesity Awareness Month and Hispanic Heritage Month
- Attendance at conferences and workshops
- Independent contractors and memberships
- Agreement with the Los Angeles Arts Group
- Agreement with Andrew Grueschow for 2nd Grade Drumming Residency
- Agreement with Conga Kids
- Agreements/Contracts for Nonpublic, NonSectarian School Agencies
- Agreement with n2y, LLC
- Contract with Parent Education Bridge Student Achievement Foundation (PEBSAF)
- Warrant Report Summary #1 and Purchase Order Report #1 (July 2021)
- Change Order #1 Kitchen HVAC Replacement at Twin Lakes School
- Change Order #3 Fire Alarm Replacement at Various Sites, Gr. 2
- Change Order #1 Installation of Temporary Portables at Parkview School
- Change Order #1 Installation of Temporary Portables at Monte Vista School
- Change Order #1 DSA Fencing Ph 3
- Donations
- Personnel Actions Report

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting is on October 4, 2021

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