TOGETHER.
SHAPING THE FUTURE.

Dear San Mateo-Foster City Parents,

Student enrollment in the San Mateo-Foster City School District continues to increase on an annual basis:

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School capacities are limited and long-term solutions to address increasing student enrollment must be identified and funded.

On November 5, 2013, voters in the San Mateo-Foster City School District did not approve Measure P, a proposed general obligation bond for $130 million to address growing student enrollment by increasing school capacity in the San Mateo-Foster City School District, to provide classroom technology for all students, and to add efficient energy systems at all schools. School capacity solutions identified for funding by Measure P included the addition of fifth grade to Bowditch Middle School and the reopening of Knolls Elementary School for a total of 1,050 additional seats.

Other options must be identified that will be supported by the voters in the San Mateo-Foster City School District.

Next Steps
A group of San Mateo and Foster City community leaders and residents with differing points of view will be convened by the Superintendent to:

1. Engage the varied external and internal communities within the San Mateo-Foster City School District to generate other options for addressing school capacity and equity challenges created by increasing student enrollment.
2. Review all options generated through community engagement for benefits, costs, and impacts on students, staff, families, and affected communities.
3. Prioritize options and provide opportunities for further community engagement.
4. Recommend best option(s) for addressing long-term school capacity needs and equity challenges to the Superintendent.

Next Steps Advisory Committee

1. Two community leaders active in the Measure P campaign, one in favor and one against
   - Daniela Relaford
   - Isabelle Bushman
2. Two community leaders from the North Central community in San Mateo
   - Evelia Chairez
   - Gloria Brown
3. Two community leaders, one from San Mateo and one from Foster City, whose children have graduated from the San Mateo-Foster City School District
   - Mark Hudak
   - Larry Lowenthal
4. Two Board of Trustees liaisons, one from San Mateo and one from Foster City
   - Ed Coady
   - Audrey Ng

In the coming months, you will have an opportunity to share your thoughts about our school capacity challenges as the Next Steps Advisory Committee engages various constituent groups in San Mateo, Foster City, and unincorporated San Mateo County in this conversation. Please watch for forthcoming announcements about these opportunities.

The Chinese Lunar New Year began on February 1, 2014. Best wishes to you and your family in this Year of the Horse!

Warmly,

Dr. Cynthia Simms
Superintendent
csimms@smfcsd.net

District Vision
The San Mateo-Foster City School District educates and inspires students to live, lead, and learn with integrity and joy.
DISTRICT-WIDE HAPPENINGS

New Student Registration for 2014-2015 School Year

Pre-registration in the San Mateo-Foster City School District for the 2014-2015 school year begins in February. Parents registering new students should familiarize themselves with this process by visiting their school’s website for more specific registration details. Parents may use the School Finder to determine their school of assignment.

Online Pre-registration

For the 2014-15 school year new students can be pre-registered online beginning February 10, 2014. For parents who do not have access to the internet, paper applications will be available at the District Office and school sites. Online pre-registration is not a guarantee of enrollment - you are still required to go to your school to complete the registration in person during the New Student Priority Registration period beginning March 10, 2014.

Intradistrict Transfer Notice: If your child receives an approved intradistrict transfer before priority registration begins, you will complete your pre-registration online based on your home address but register at your new, approved transfer school during priority registration. In addition to your registration documents, please bring your letter of acceptance for verification.

New Student Priority Registration Period

New Student Priority Registration for entering Transitional Kindergarten - 8th grade students will take place at all San Mateo and Foster City schools Monday, March 10 - Friday, March 28, 2014. Priority registration is used to determine school and grade level capacity and is not a guarantee of enrollment. For the 2014-15 school year, students will be eligible to enter:

- Kindergarten if his/her 5th birthday is on or before September 1, 2014
- Transitional Kindergarten (TK) if his/her 5th birthday falls on or between September 2 - December 2, 2014
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Transitional Kindergarten will be offered at 10 school sites: Audubon, Baywood, Brewer Island, Foster City, George Hall, Highlands, Horrall, Laurel, San Mateo Park & Sunnybrae

TK & Kindergarten Registration Assistance for Spanish-speaking Families

The District will offer registration assistance for Spanish-speaking families with incoming Transitional Kindergarten (TK) & Kindergarten students at Sunnybrae Elementary School - 1031 S. Delaware, San Mateo - on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 4:30- 7:00 pm. Spanish translation and child care will be provided. For more information, please see the Student Registration page on the District website.

- For more information on Student Registration, go to the Student Registration page or contact Student Services at (650) 312-7345.
- For more information on Student Transfers, go to the Student Transfers page or contact Student Services at (650) 312-7345.
- For more information on the Transitional Kindergarten, go to the Transitional Kindergarten page or contact the TK Office at (650) 312-7298.
Common Core State Standards

The San Mateo-Foster City School District is excited about the opportunity the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) present for our teachers, principals, staff and most importantly - our students! The Common Core provides us with a clear and consistent goal to ensure that our students are ready for college and career success in a 21st Century global economy. The Common Core Standards emphasize depth and complexity, use of technology and evidence-based analysis of text. Students will explore, collaborate, and discuss complex ideas in depth.

Parent Education Nights - Our Students. Their Future.
Please join us for one of four informative presentation for parents and guardians about the Common Core State Standards. Held at the Bayside Performing Arts Center - 2025 Kehoe Avenue, San Mateo - all presentations contain the same information and will start at 6:30 pm:

- Tuesday, February 11
- Tuesday, February 25
- Tuesday, March 11*
- Tuesday, March 18

*presentations will be conducted in English with Spanish translation for all dates other than March 11, which will be conducted in Spanish with English translation.

For more information, please visit the Common Core Parent Resources page on the District's website to stay up-to-date on CCSS news, links, parent resources or contact Pam Bartfield at pbartfield@smfcsd.net.

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Local Control Funding Plan Process

New legislation for the State of California has shifted radically the way school districts are funded and how plans are developed for including all stakeholders in the process of providing input toward the development of programs to help student achieve academically. The Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is currently the vehicle for districts to articulate how they will support all students to achieve academically, with specific focus on English Learners, Socio-economically Disadvantaged Youth and Foster Youth.

San Mateo-Foster City has been gathering input from various stakeholder groups since February 2012 with the launch of the Strategic Planning Process. Since then, many other groups have come together to provide input to the process, including the Philanthropy Group, the Strategic Planning Group, Teacher Groups and Parent Groups. If you wish to provide feedback, please contact Mary Kay Going at mkgoing@smfcsd.net.
Great Schools Doing Great Things!

Audubon Bracelets for Cambodia

Nancy Charlow, an Audubon para-educator, visited Cambodia in 2011. While there, she volunteered at Grace House, a nonprofit school. She will be returning to Cambodia this summer and wanted to do something to give back to the students of Grace House. Mrs. Charlow observed many Audubon students on campus busily enjoying the latest craze Rainbow Loom rubber band bracelets. So she coordinated with Joanne Murphy, Audubon library assistant, to organize a bracelet making activity during lunch recess.

Mrs. Charlow's grass roots efforts have turned into a wonderful service learning project for students at Audubon. Students are learning about children their age living in Cambodia and experiencing the joy of giving to others.

On any given day, the library is abuzz with boys and girls working on looms, fingers, or pencils to make different and brightly colored bracelets for the kids at Grace House. At the moment, we have over 300 bracelets, and counting.

Friends of Mandarin Scholars - College Park Elementary Gala

Friends of Mandarin Scholars (FMS) hosted its 2nd Annual Lunar New Year Gala on January 25 to support the Mandarin immersion program in SMFCSD. Dr. Cynthia Simms and SMFCSD Trustee Audrey Ng attended the event as guests of FMS, along with three distinguished speakers for the evening - State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, former State Assemblymember Fiona Ma, and ABC7 News Reporter David Louie. Approximately 270 people attended the gala, including community leaders and family members, staff, and teachers from College Park Elementary School, Children's Annex / Kuai Le After-School Program, and College Park Mandarin Immersion Preschool.
Founded in April 2011, FMS raised more than $90,000 last year to support the Mandarin aides, summer school program, curriculum development, and professional development for the Mandarin teachers at College Park Elementary School. FMS aims to raise $158,000 this year to support the Mandarin program at College Park and the new middle school component to begin this Fall at Bayside STEM Academy.

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATES
Summary of November Meetings

December 12 Board of Trustees Meeting
- Recognized teachers on achieving permanent status
- Conducted the annual organizational meeting. Board members Lory Lorimer Lawson, Chelsea Bonini and Ed Coady took Oaths of Office. Held the following election of Officers for 2014 - Colleen Sullivan, President; Audrey Ng, Vice President; and Ed Coady, Clerk
- Approved a change in status from Temporary to Probationary for 87 teachers
- Accepted the annual audit of the District's 2012-2013 Financial Statements
- Accepted the gifts presented to the Schools as approved by the Superintendent
- Approved Resolution No. 03/12-14 regarding an application for an energy efficiency funding grant from the Bright Schools Program
• Received an update on the November 1, 2013 District-wide Professional Development Day
• Approved change of Board Meeting date from January 16, 2014 to January 23, 2014

**January 23 Board of Trustees Meeting**
• Conducted a Public Hearing and Study Session regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan and Common Core Implementation Funds
• Approved the funding agreement for the Green Streets and Parking Lot/Safe Routes to School Demonstration Project at Laurel Elementary School
• Received a report regarding the January 2014 Governor's Proposed State Budget
• Received a Public Report of developer fees
• Received information on the District Assistance and Intervention Team (DAIT) Final Report
• Approved the 2013-2014 Single Plans for Student Achievement Final Report
• Accepted the gifts presented to the Schools as approved by the Superintendent
• Conducted two Public Hearings (District reopeners and Classified School Employee Association reopeners) regarding Collective Bargaining for the 2013-2014 school year

**February 6 Board of Trustees Meeting**
• Approved Parkside Elementary School's S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics) Magnet Theme and support the convening of a Montessori planning group to provide more opportunities for Montessori instruction for K-8 students in the 2015-2016 school year.
• Tabled the revised version of the 2014-2015 Traditional School Calendar for the February 20, 2014 Board Meeting
• Approved the District's Common Core Implementation Plan
• Approved the Superintendent's Next Steps regarding capacity and equity challenges
• Voted down Resolution No. 04/13-14 to close the commercial property loophole
• Received the draft Budget Development Calendar
• Accepted the gifts presented to the Schools as approved by the Superintendent

**Future Meeting Dates**
• February 20, 2014 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting
• February 27, 2014 7:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting / Enrollment
• March 3, 2014 7:00 p.m. PTA Council Meeting

- All meetings are held in the SM-FCSD Board Room, 1170 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA unless otherwise indicated.

For questions regarding the Board Meeting Summary, please contact Ellen Macaulay at (650) 312-7348 or emacaulay@smfcsd.net.

Please see the School Board of Trustees Agendas and Minutes page for more information.
### 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDARS

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