

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

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Credit Rating

I am pleased to announce that Moody's gave us a Aaa rating. To quote Moody's "The credit position for Mountain View-Whisman SD is exceptional. Its Aaa rating far surpasses the median rating of Aa3 for the US school districts. The key credit factors include a very strong wealth and income profile, an extensive tax base and a robust financial position. It also reflects a manageable debt burden and a somewhat inflated pension liability."

Our credit rating is a direct result of your guidance over the past couple of years to be fiscally forward thinking while at the same time prudent.

Bullis Charter School

According to an email from their team, they are planning on submitting the petition the week of October 15. **Attached** to this email, you will find a summary of their performance. This information is broken out by subgroups so that we can accurately look at the data. It is worth noting that in their tested grade levels Bullis does not have any students who qualify as Socio-Economically Disadvantage. Thus, their achievement gap, while smaller than ours, is skewed when you compare Whites and Latinos. While the last two columns reflect more of an apple to apple comparison, it is worth remembering that FR&L is determined by federal guidelines.

Upcoming events

Monday, October 15	DELAC @ Theuerkauf, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 16	Graham PIQE, 6:00 p.m. Graham Choir/Dance Concert, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 17	ALL Parent Engagement @ Crittenden, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 18	Landels ELAC, 8:30 a.m. Castro/Mistral PIQE, 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting @ Graham MUR, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, October 19	Stevenson Walkathon, 1:00 p.m. Landels Walkathon, 2:00 p.m.

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with PTA Presidents
- Phone call with Mountain View Voice reporter
- Presented at the Mountain View Rotary Club monthly luncheon
- Met with three Board members
- Met with two direct reports
- Attended the Mountain View Educational Foundation meeting
- Presented at the District Administration Leadership Conference in Memphis

From the Public Information Officer

- Release of new ["Let's Talk" video: Curriculum Adoptions](#).
- District boundaries communications preparation
- ThoughtExchange and science event preparation (Nov. 17)
- InPlay data meeting
- Video edits, captions and subtitles
- Public records requests -2

From the Director of Technology

- Supporting technology at school sites. In the last month, we have received 640 support requests and we have resolved 85% of those requests.
- Completed a network walkthrough at Bubb to evaluate how the physical plant meets our District standards.
- Observed a digital citizenship lesson at Bubb using the Common Sense curriculum delivered with Nearpod.

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

Contractors continue working to complete summer work. Castro/Mistral has new sod in the field. Now the 60-90 days of growing starts before students can access the field. ST/TH new sod should be placed this week. The District received DSA approval for the new DO building. Anticipated move in to the new district office is late April. We are still waiting for DSA approval of the two-story buildings at Vargas.

Fiscal

The health benefit plan summary and the rates for 2019 have been released. The benefit fair will be held on Oct 18, 2018 at Stevenson from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. Budget meetings are held with Department and Site leads to make the update for 2018-2019 First Interim.

Maintenance Operations & Transportation

Maintenance:

The FIT inspections for the sites have been completed for the 2018-19 school year.

Transportation

The new law for student safety for a child-alert system on all school buses goes into effect March 1, 2019. Our District's buses were outfitted and staff trained last week, almost 5 months ahead of the deadline. The system requires the driver to verify no students are still on the bus when she/he shuts down the bus as the end of a drive.

This week, I conducted check in and goal-setting meetings with the three Business Services Directors. I attended Cabinet, various department budget meetings for first interim, visited both Bubb and Graham, met with principals of Castro and Mistral regarding the new play structure. The

Bond Oversight Committee meeting was Wednesday night, when the BOC members reviewed the current/planned projects and the budget. I met with the principals and presented a school finance/budget training. Director Johnson and I worked on the Santa Clara County All-Inclusive Playground Grant for Landels. If awarded, we will be replacing one the play structures with an all-inclusive playground for all students and community members to access.

From the Chief Human Relations Officer

- Worked on parent communication for boundary changes with Student Services Department staff and Public Information Officer
- Reviewed Administrative Services Budget with the Director of Fiscal Services
- Facilitated several parent meetings and meetings with staff regarding personnel matters
- Attended Challenge Team monthly meeting and Human Resources Meeting at County Office of Education
- Observed David Harris present a Digital Citizen Lesson using Clever to 3rd grade students at Bubb
- Visited various school sites