



# BOARD BRIEF

***Following every board meeting, we prepare a summary of the items discussed by the Board of Education. Board Briefs are posted to the [District's website](#) for easy access.***

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## Reports to the Board

*Below are highlights from oral reports to the Board of Education intended to provide information and updates on work across the District.*

### ***Asian Pacific American Heritage Month***

Presented to the Board of Education by Ashlee Gutierrez, SRVUSD Equity Coordinator

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, celebrated throughout May, was recognized as an important opportunity to stand in solidarity with our Asian community and to examine diverse and wonderful cultures through literature, poetry and art. Information has been gathered and made available on the District's website for our teachers, and families are encouraged to access these materials, helping to extend the resources from classrooms to homes.

### ***Spring Re-opening and Fall Planning Update***

Presented to the Board of Education by Dr. John Malloy, Superintendent

### ***Return to In-Person***

The Superintendent shared that he sees joy and excitement across the District now that many students have returned to four full days of in-person instruction. He reinforced that safety guidelines continue to be reinforced, and all are urged to be vigilant in their attention to these important measures. For those students in distance learning, he assured that this instruction will continue to be strong.

### ***End of Year Activities***

Graduations, promotions and celebrations are now being planned. Dr. Malloy thanked everyone for their patience and understanding explaining that this year's events require a tremendous amount of planning and logistical coordination.



- High school graduations will take place on June 4<sup>th</sup> outside at their sites. Details are now being coordinated.
- Middle school activities will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> outside at their site or on a high school campus
- Elementary will be sharing a 5th grade virtual video with families.
- In all cases, families should look for information regarding end of year activities to come from their schools.

#### *Fall and the 2021-22 School Year*

A teacher recruitment fair was held last Saturday. Dr. Malloy and other District leaders attended. He observed that high-energy, talented people are interested in joining the District next Fall.

#### *Planning for the Future*

Dr. Malloy reinforced that the Board's areas of focus as we return to school next year are Equity, Deep Learning and Innovation and Social Emotional Well-Being of students and staff. He is appreciative of those who are participating in the District's outreach efforts so we can hear their thoughts in these important areas of focus. He addressed the question, "Planning...why now?" by clarifying that service to our students requires reflecting on what we have learned this past year so we are fully prepared to provide the supports and parameters that motivate and inspire all students to engage and succeed when we return in the Fall.

#### *The SRVUSD Virtual Academy*

Online instruction will be offered next year for students K-12 whose families feel that the online option is a more prudent choice at this time. Dr. Malloy reported that 788 students have selected the virtual option for next year, and that the opportunity to register for this option closed on Tuesday, April 20th.

Families who chose the Virtual Academy will receive information from the District about course and program offerings, which will be based on the course selection sheets for the students who selected the Academy. Once that information is available, families will have the option of withdrawing their transfer request and returning to their neighborhood school. There will be a two-week window to make that decision.

#### *Superintendent's Re-Opening Task Force*

Created to help provide ideas and insights to ensure a smooth return in the Fall, the task force will begin meeting this month. Initiated earlier this year by the Superintendent, the task force was interrupted as the county shifted from the Purple to Red health tier, and all efforts were then focused on returning students and staff to in-person learning. Dr. Malloy is now re-engaging the task force, and is including all 101 community members who applied to be part of the group. Given the size of the total group, the volunteers will meet in 5 groups of approximately 25 people to share thoughts and ideas to help ensure a smooth return.



## Action Items

*Below are highlights from presentations that require the Board of Education to take action or give staff direction.*

### ***District Library Plan for 2021-22***

Presented to the Board of Education by Joe Loescher and Stacey Quick

Teacher Librarians presented the plan for all school libraries in the coming school year. Libraries are staffed by 14 credentialed teacher librarians and 6 Library Media Coordinators who are responsible for providing students with the literacy skills essential for college and career readiness. Areas of continued focus in the coming year include:

- Increased collaboration for these professionals so they may share best practices for supporting instruction and student well-being.
- Digital literacy - teaching our students to/and how to assess online sources of information, teasing out “real from noise” and learning to evaluate sources for credibility and reliability.
- Digital citizenship so students understand their online footprint.
- Ensuring all libraries have equitable access to books with diverse voices, own voices and engaging and relevant books for literature circles.
- Increase resources to reflect the entire curriculum of the school and to include all topics and concepts, which require resources beyond current classroom instructional materials.

The Board of Education offered comments of thanks for the great work taking place in school libraries. They are centers for student collaboration, research, and warm and welcoming places for students who seek a place to be alone with a good book. This presentation was made and approved during National Library Week, which is celebrated April 18-24.

The Board of Education approved the plan 5-0.

### ***Summer School***

Presented to the Board of Education by Kathleen Martins, Assistant Principal on Special Assignment

Summer school for grades K-12 is now being planned. Teachers and counselors are identifying students who would benefit from this year’s summer offerings, which will focus on remediation and intervention in the core content areas, including English language arts and mathematics. Families of students identified to benefit from summer school will be contacted by their school.

Summer school is five days a week, approximately four hours per day and in-person. There is no cost for this program. Families not identified for summer school may request to attend by completing a Google Form through their school site. The District is eager to accommodate all interested students.



#### Elementary

- Will focus on intervention and students' social and emotional needs.

#### Middle School

- Will focus on remediation in English language arts and mathematics, and students' social emotional needs.

#### High School

- Classes will be offered for students who wish to remediate a D or F grade.
- Scholastic "bridge" program will be offered for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders to focus on study and executive functioning skills.
- Social emotional support will be provided.

#### Math Advancement

- Will be offered to middle school students helping those who want to advance in math coursework via summer school. (Now called Math Advancement Program - MAP)

#### Online Support

- Academic support will be available through an online option for students identified as needing summer support who are unable to commit to attending in person.

The Board heard that staff is using current assessments and observations to identify those students who may benefit from summer instruction on campus and in-person. It was explained that this is not just about grades, though academic traction is a key consideration. One of the chief goals of summer school this year is to return students to campus. In some cases, students will be on a campus for the first time, noting that students in distance learning through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will come on to campus for the first time next fall as 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and the District is eager to give these students – all students – the opportunity to come to school, familiarize themselves with the campus and staff and their classmates before next Fall.

The Board of Education approved the Summer School Plan 5-0.

#### ***Monte Vista High School Pool***

This report was presented to the Board of Education by Daniel Hillman, Assistant Superintendent Business Operations and Facilities

The existing pool on the Monte Vista HS campus is in need of extensive repairs to remain safe and compliant with current codes, including ADA compliance. It was noted that the pool is over 20 years old and since construction, California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) regulations have been updated, making the current pool size insufficient for competitions. Required repairs to meet code compliance are estimated to cost \$3,200,000, but would not make the pool competition ready. Details about length and depth compliance can be found in the full report to the Board of Education on the District's website.



Constructing a completely new larger sized 33-meter pool, would allow for competitions in swimming, diving and water polo, include modernized equipment, and meet the required ADA and CIF regulations. This choice is estimated to cost an additional \$1,500,000, totaling an estimated \$4,700,000.

On March 17, 2021, the Facilities Oversight and Advisory Committee (FOAC) reviewed and approved the design and cost estimate for a new 33-meter pool at Monte Vista HS. Staff recommended the \$4,700,000 option stressing that aquatic sports are highly popular in the school and in the District. The construction funds are not from District general funds; it is funded by Fund 21 - Local Building Fund.

The Board of Education approved the new 33-meter pool 5-0.

The next regular Board of Education meet will be held on May 4, 2021 at 7:00pm at the San Ramon Valley High School theatre - 501 Danville Blvd | Danville, CA 94526. Meeting dates, agendas, and minutes can be found on the [SRVUSD website](#)

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