

Superintendent Rick Schmitt's Monthly Update

Spring 2016

Superintendent Schmitt regularly updates the greater San Dieguito Union High School District (SDUHSD) community through our local media with a monthly update. Topics may include academics, facilities, budget, enrollment, safety, and other specific and special interest topics. Today's update focuses on facilities, enrollment & staffing, and our collaboration with MiraCosta College.

Facilities

Since Proposition AA passed in 2012, SDUHSD has delivered on its promise to improve every campus in our district. We have over \$270 million in construction projects completed, in-progress, or in the planning stages. With our focus on preparing students for 21st Century colleges and careers, we have built new campuses & classrooms, modernized old schools, and added capacity to match our growing enrollment. This investment is adding value to our academics, arts & athletic programs and to our community. We are grateful for your support.



Recently Renovated Oak Crest MS Learning Commons

We are currently planning to issue additional bonds this spring to provide funding for more needed and exciting projects to be planned over the next year:

- New classroom building at Canyon Crest Academy
- New science classrooms at Oak Crest Middle School
- Science and general classroom modernization at Diegueno Middle School
- Performing Arts Center at Torrey Pines High School
- Additional classroom building at Pacific Trails Middle School
- Improving perimeter security and safe paths to school at several campuses
- Solar energy projects at Oak Crest, Diegueno, Earl Warren and Pacific Trails middle schools

Enrollment & Staffing

We expect to see enrollment growth over the next few years as the economy continues to improve and new housing units are completed in Pacific Highlands Ranch. Our goal is to prepare schools for the increased number of students by building new, permanent facilities to avoid over-crowding. We will also see increased general fund revenue from the new students to hire teachers and cover other costs as we have returned to the state funding model based on average daily attendance.

Adult Education Transition

As part of the Governor's restructuring of the adult education system in California, San Dieguito Union High School District (SDUHSD) Community Education and MiraCosta College have collaborated to create a comprehensive adult education plan to better serve the needs of adults in the region. As a result, since August 2015 SDUHSD's community education programs have slowly transitioned to MiraCosta College.

This new shift has been approved by the Coastal North County Adult Education Consortium, MiraCosta College and SDUHSD. Supporting current adult SDUHSD students throughout this transition has been a priority. Our adult students range in age from 18 years old to senior citizens. Many current Adult Education instructors from SDUHSD will continue to teach the same classes, only now under the guidance of MiraCosta College. The last piece of the transition will take effect this summer when the community enrichment (or fee-based) classes currently offered by SDUHSD will be transitioned to MiraCosta College. Most of those classes will continue to be held in our community, including at all ten of our middle and high school campuses, local elementary schools, La Colonia Park and the Encinitas Library, to name a few locations.

For the last 50 years, SDUHSD has been offering courses including senior fitness, watercolor, digital photography and foreign languages. Demand permitting, many of these same courses will be offered by MiraCosta College with potential for adding some new classes. Examples of recently added classes include English as a Second Language, adult high school diploma and classes for students with disabilities.

SDUHSD and MiraCosta College staff are working to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible by making every effort to offer our adult students the same neighborhood access and quality instruction they have come to know through the San Dieguito Community Education program. We believe more adult students will be reached than ever before as we transition to the MiraCosta College program.

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