

Board Recognition:

Harvey Elementary School Educators Honored for Obtaining National Acclaim

Carl Harvey Elementary School educators were recognized by the Board of Education for educational excellence in obtaining the 2010 National Blue Ribbon Award. In the photo Harvey Elementary educators and Principal Teresa Stetler are flanked by Board of Education members, Superintendent Jane Russo and Assistant Supt. Herman Mendez. The school was one of 264 public schools nationwide from among more than 100,000 selected to receive this competitive designation for academic achievement.



Superintendent's Report

Registration for SAUSD's eight fundamental schools of choice will soon get underway for the 2011-12 school year. To help parents understand the process and guidelines, each school will hold a parent informational meeting in January where key dates will be discussed. Parents can call each individual school or 714-558-5555 for information. They can also log on to www.sausd.us for meeting dates and times, a list of fundamental schools and additional information about the registration and lottery process.

Board Presentations/Approved Agenda Items

- Measure G 2009-10 Independent Financial and Performance Audit Report & Acceptance of 2009-10 Measure G Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report (Agenda Items 3.0 and 4.0)
 - The Bond Oversight Committee, created to oversee the proper expenditures of the general obligation bond approved by voters in 2008, presented its annual report and audit to the Board. There were no findings in the audit report.

- **Alternative Education Program**
 - Secondary staff outlined a proposal to restructure the delivery of alternative education under one umbrella with one common vision to maximize services. The proposed reorganization would also improve program monitoring and help to channel students to the appropriate area based on their academic needs. [View presentation.](#)

- **2010-11 Budget Update**
 - Michael Bishop, Associate Superintendent of Business Services, gave an overview of the recently released Governor's proposed budget in which solutions to solve the State's \$25 billion shortfall was laid out. Governor Jerry Brown calls for:
 - \$12 billion in revenue by extending temporary taxes to be voted on in an upcoming election.
 - \$12.5 billion in cuts to social services, higher education, corrections and phasing out Redevelopment Agencies.
 - SAUSD is still on target to pare down its budget by \$31.5 million between now and March 8.
 - View a copy of the [budget presentation.](#)

- **Approval of participation in school-based health center capital program grant in partnership with Central City Community Health Center (Agenda Item 6.0)**
 - This program, if funded by a \$500,000 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant, would establish a mobile medical van in the Valley High School area. Staffed by Central City Community Health Center personnel, services to be provided to the community three days a week would include physical exams, immunizations, treatment of minor medical conditions and prescription services.

- **Adoption of resolution no. 10/11-2860 – Findings of 2009-10 developer fee report (Agenda Item 14.0)**
 - Facilities Assistant Superintendent Joe Dixon introduced this resolution authorizing the Board to collect fees from developers of residential, commercial or industrial projects in the city of Santa Ana in order to fund construction projects to accommodate additional students. [View a summary of developer fees](#) over the past several years.

In Memoriam

Board Vice President Rob Richardson adjourned the meeting in memory of Lynn Morgan, a former arts teacher at Santa Ana High School. Morgan passed away on December 20, leaving behind a long legacy inspired by her love of students and the arts. Morgan taught art and ceramics at Santa Ana High School from 1981 to 2003, where she began the tradition of showcasing students' talents in an annual Arts on the Lawn event which is a continuing spring tradition. During that time she was recognized as Santa Ana High School's Teacher of the Year. In keeping with the family's wishes, all those who wish to honor Morgan's memory may do so with a contribution to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, which can be found online at MDAnderson.org.



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The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011.