

## SAUSD Board Highlights Page – February 8, 2011

### Superintendent's Report

Members of Segerstrom High School's Associated Student Body and senior class leaders gave an overview of current campus news and information. Segerstrom High's Chamber Singers also chimed in, performing a medley of songs including their alma mater and a special tribute to Principal Dr. Amy Avina called "Shave Your Head." Dr. Avina shaved her head last fall in celebration of the school reaching an all-time Academic Performance Index score of 812. The State's target is 800. Click [here](#) to see the ASB presentation.



Segerstrom High School student leadership team



Segerstrom High School Chamber Singers

Superintendent Jane Russo issued a final reminder about open lottery registration for SAUSD's eight fundamental schools of choice for the 2011-12 school year. Fundamental school open lottery registration cards for kindergarteners and 6th graders must be picked up and completed for elementary and intermediate by Friday, February 18, by 4:00 p.m. High School open lottery registration has closed. High School results will be posted at each school site on Thursday, February 10. For more information, parents are encouraged to call 714-558-5555 or log on to [www.sausd.us](http://www.sausd.us) for key dates and information.

The Orange County State of Education Address titled *"Succeeding in the New Reality"* will be hosted by Orange County Schools Superintendent William Habermehl on Thursday, February 24 beginning at 7:45 a.m. Tom Torlakson, State Schools Superintendent, will be on hand to present. For more info, [click here](#).

### Board Presentations

- **City of Santa Ana Recreation and Parks Commission Update**
  - Matthew Cruz, Assistant Principal at Sierra Intermediate School, represents SAUSD on the commission which meets monthly to ensure that city resources are well maintained and maximized for the physical and social well-being of Santa Ana residents.

- **2010-11 Budget Update**

Business Services Associate Superintendent Michael Bishop reported on budget discussions held at the February 1 Board Study Session. Bishop painted an historical view of school district budget cuts stemming from declining enrollment in the mid 2000s to current cuts the District is experiencing as a result of a depressed economy.

- From 2004 to 2008-09 SAUSD has made \$120.6 million in budget cuts due to declining enrollment.
- Since 2009-10 SAUSD has made \$42.6 million in cuts.
- Over a nine-year span, SAUSD has made \$225 million in total cuts, equivalent to nearly half of its operating budget.
- Additional cuts will be identified by March 8 for the coming school year.



- **Enrollment Committee Update** – the committee was formed to review District grade level and attendance areas. The committee includes parents, teachers, community members, and staff.

**Key Approvals**

- Approval of single plan for student achievement at transformational schools: Sierra and Willard intermediate schools; and Century, Saddleback, Santa Ana, and Valley High schools for the 2010-11 school year. **(Agenda Item 3.0)**
- The Board authorized Facilities to award a contract to Fieldturf USA, Inc. for the purchase and installation of synthetic turf on Saddleback High School’s athletic field under our modernization project. **(Agenda Item 4.0)**
- The Board also authorized Facilities to award a contract to California Track & Engineering Inc. for the purchase and installation of track surfacing at Saddleback High School. **(Agenda Item 5.0)**
- 2010-11 Deferred Maintenance Program’s Five-Year Plan was presented in a public hearing as required by the State’s Office of Public School Construction. The plan is available for public viewing at 750 N. Fairview St., Building Services Department. **(Agenda Item 7.0)**
- The Board approved moving the start time for the February 22, 2011, Board meeting to 3:00 p.m. **(Agenda Items 8.0)**
  - The early start time will enable the Board to interview search firms being considered to lead the search for a new SAUSD superintendent. Superintendent Russo recently announced her retirement, effective June 30. The regular Board meeting will commence at 4:30 p.m.
- Approval of traditional instructional calendars for the 2011-12 school year - **Click to view**. **(Agenda Item 9.0)**

For all Board meeting results and presentations refer to the School Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes section of the school district’s website ([www.sausd.us](http://www.sausd.us)).