

Subject: DUSD Weekly Update - October 4, 2024

DUSD Community,

As we continue to navigate the financial challenges facing our school district, I want to remind you that our final first-round budget town hall meeting will occur online on Monday, October 7, at 6:00 pm (see details below).

For the 2024-2025 school year, we implemented approximately \$4 million in budget cuts to address our financial needs. These reductions were necessary to maintain our required 3% minimum reserves while dealing with reduced income based on slower growth and the loss of one-time COVID-related funding.

As we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, fiscal challenges remain. We anticipate the need to reduce our expenditures by approximately \$5.5 million. We have identified over \$11 million in potential cuts – all with consequences. Our goal is to have your assistance in identifying the \$5.5 million we as a community are most comfortable with.

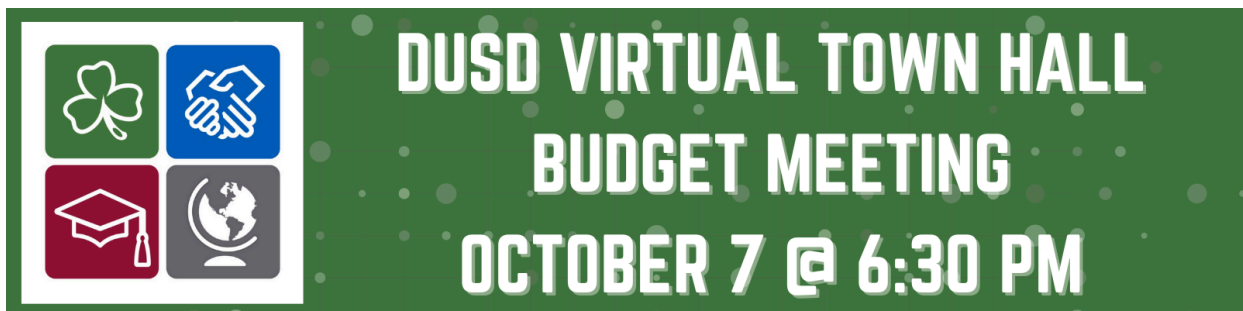
Your input on budget priorities is critical as we work to shape the district based on fiscal realities. We value the insights and perspectives of our community members and encourage you to participate in the town hall meeting, where you will get insight into public school finance, our current challenges, and potential solutions. You will then be given access to a survey where you can help prioritize the options we present to the Board.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement.

Sincerely,



Chris D. Funk
Superintendent
Dublin Unified School District



DISTRICT NEWS

Virtual Town Hall Budget Meeting: Dublin Unified would like to invite the community to a Virtual Town Hall meeting to seek input on potential Budget Reductions for the 2025-26 school year and beyond. When: Monday, October 7 • 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Google Meet joining info: Video call link:

Share your thoughts on the DUSD Graduate Profile: The district is currently seeking input from the DUSD Community to develop a graduate profile. A graduate profile is a set of skills, competencies, and dispositions that we aim for our students to possess when they graduate from our schools. It goes beyond academic achievement and encompasses qualities such as critical thinking, communication skills, creativity, and a sense of social responsibility. Please watch our [overview video here](#) and then and then provide feedback via the [input form](#).

Boardroom Banner Art Contest Open to DUSD High School Students: The Dublin Unified School District has launched the Second Annual Boardroom Banner Contest. This year's contest is open to all DUSD high school students. Grade 9-12 students from Dublin High, Emerald High, Middle College High School, Valley High, and York Alternative Learning Center have the opportunity to have their digital artwork displayed - in billboard size (approx 35' x 10') - on the east exterior wall of the district's boardroom for a full year. The artwork can be a photograph, collage, Illustrator file, Photoshop creation, digital art file, etc. The winning student will receive \$500 and have their artwork displayed on the eastern exterior wall of the DUSD boardroom for a year. The accomplishment will be a nice addition to an artist portfolio or college application. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Ethnic Studies Course Outline and Instructional Materials: Beginning with the graduating class of 2028, all students will be expected to complete an Ethnic Studies course as a requirement for graduation from DUSD. The course outline for Ethnic Studies 1 and the core instructional materials proposed for use in the course will be available for public review at the district office until October 22nd. Community members are invited to view the outline and materials between the hours of 8:00 and 4:30 on business days and to provide written feedback or public comments at the October 8th or October 22nd Board meeting. Please address questions or feedback to Sheri Sweeney, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, at sweeneysheri@dublinusd.org.

14th Annual 2024 DreamMakers & RiskTakers Event: We are excited to share information for the 2024 DreamMakers and RiskTakers Awards. Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group is searching for students who are DreamMakers and RiskTakers enrolled in the Dublin Unified School District, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, Pleasanton Unified School District, San Ramon Valley Unified School District, Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program, and Las Positas College. The student recipients of the annual DreamMakers and RiskTaker Awards are selected by the ITV Education and Workforce Development Committee with final approval of the President or Superintendent of each host educational organization based on common criteria. Nominations can be made by individuals nominating themselves or educators/mentors/parents/administrators nominating students. The Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group Selection Committee will review submissions and will present finalists to Superintendents, Principals and Administrators of appropriate school districts for final selection. [Click here for more information.](#)

Special Olympics Soccer: Mark your calendars for the Tri-Valley Special Olympics's first event of the year - SOCCER! Soccer events will be held at Dublin High School, with Elementary students showcasing their skills on Oct 22 and Secondary showcasing their skills on Oct 29. Both events take place from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Show your support for our young athletes!

Dublin Unified School District Children Choir: The Dublin Unified School District Children Choir is invited to sing at the 2024 Dublin Tree Lighting Ceremony. This choir is open to DSUD students in grade 2 through 5. To sign up for the DSUD Children's Choir to perform at the Dublin Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., please download the sign-up and permission form, along with the rehearsal schedule, [from this link](#). Please email Irene Fong at fongirene@dublinusd.org if you have any questions. Remember, the forms are due by October 16, 2024!

Master's Degree in Special Education: Have you always wanted to contribute to your community and support children in deep and meaningful ways? Consider completing the Master's Degree in Special Education with an Education Specialist Credential by attending classes close to home! Join one of the upcoming information sessions held Oct 3 and Oct 17 from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm via Zoom. [Register for the information session here.](#) If you need additional information or can not make one of the sessions, please reach out to Lisa Simpson directly at lisa.simpson@sjsu.edu. Requirements for admission: BA with 2.5 GPA, Fingerprint Clearance form CTC, Basic Skills Met (CBEST or Coursework). Apply for Spring Admission by Nov 1!

DHS Alumni Event at Homecoming: All Dublin High School alumni are invited to return and celebrate a memorable evening at the Dublin High School Homecoming Game on Friday, October 18th, against Granada. We will be having a pregame reception on the field, making this a great opportunity for alumni and their families to reconnect with old friends, relive cherished memories, cheer on our team and enjoy a night filled with school spirit. All who pre-register will get a free alumni t-shirt and the link is below. Don't miss out on this chance to both reminisce and make new memories together at Dublin High School and we can't wait to see you there! For more information, visit the Facebook page [Dublin High School Honors Alumni](#) and the [registration form](#).

BOND PROJECT UPDATE (Currently/Recently Active Projects)

SCHOOL	PROJECT	COMPLETION DATE	BUDGET	FUNDING
EMERALD	New Construction Phase 2	April 2025	\$91.1M	Measure J
EMERALD	Theater	August 2026	\$38.3M	Measure J & Prop 51
MURRAY	New MPR, Administration Building	Summer 2025	\$64.3M (Enitre MES Project)	Measure H & Prop 51
MURRAY	Demo of old classrooms, construction of new field, remodel of the existing MPR to a Library, site fencing, and shade structure	Various: Classroom demo (Summer 24). New field (January 25). All other (TBD)		
DUBLIN EL	New Administration, Library, new classroom building, new Dining/Servery/Kitchen and remodeled B wing	Fall 2025	\$47.7M	Measure H, Prop 51 & Developer Fees
DUBLIN EL	Two New TK-K classrooms, remodel of A wing and remodel of MPR	TBD		
COTTONWOOD CREEK	Gym and Changing Rooms	October 2024	\$15.5M	Prop 51
SHAMROCK HILLS	New School	Fall 2026	\$102.5M	Measure J & Prop 51
DHS, FMS, WMS	Gym HVAC	January 2025	\$6.1M	Developer Fees

OUTSIDE SOURCES (Insight into topics facing public education)

- EdSource: [\\$10 billion school construction bond headed to Nov. 5 ballot: what's in it?](#)
- Education Week: [The Students Who Are Overlooked by Most AI Tools](#)
- EdSource: [A hearing, a unanimous vote and a preview of litigation over a school construction bond](#)

DUSD IN THE NEWS

- The Independent: [For Dublin Schools, First-Time Candidates Vie For One Seat](#) (10/3)
- Patch.com: [DUSD One Of Best School Districts In Bay Area For 2025](#) (10/1)

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

- Dublin EI Insta: [Third Grade Butterfly Release](#)
- Murray Insta: [Murray Classroom of the Week - Ms. Felicia Suminski's Kindergarten Classroom!](#)
- DHS Insta: [The DHS Project Lead The Way Honors Biomedical Innovations class held a research poster session](#)
- Dougherty Insta: [Indoor lunch means dancing and karaoke for our Dolphins](#)
- Kolb Insta: [Eagles celebrate the best day ever](#)
- Green Insta: [Gators learn about cylinders in kindergarten](#)
- Amador Insta: [Owls highlight classroom happenings](#)
- DUSD Facebook: [Fallon hosts a Sock Hop dance and Tinikling showcase](#)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS & ARCHIVES

- **October 8 & 22:** Regular Board Meeting @ 6PM
- **November 12:** Regular Board Meeting @ 6PM
- **December 3 & 17:** Regular Board Meeting @ 6PM

Visit the [Board section of the DUSD website](#) for information on how to contact board members, review current or past board agendas, view archived board meeting videos, participate in the public comment period of a board meeting, and more.

TITLE IX

Dublin Unified School District prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates. Individuals may report concerns or questions to the Title IX Coordinators by emailing. For staff-related concerns: titleixstaff@dublinusd.org. For student-related concerns: titleixstudent@dublinusd.org

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