

**Subject:** DUSD Weekly Update - September 20, 2024

DUSD Community,

Earlier this week, we held our first two Town Hall Budget Meetings designed to address the fiscal challenges we anticipate for the 2025-2026 school year. As most know, DUSD implemented approximately \$4M in budget cuts last year to address our financial needs for the 2024-2025 school year. These were some of the first significant cuts the district has made after nearly 20 years of consistent and, in many cases, exceptional growth.

I wish last year's cuts were all we needed, but that is not the case. To continue our move away from deficit spending towards a more balanced budget while at the same time maintaining mandated reserves, we estimate the need to reduce our expenditures by approximately \$5.5M next year.

Your participation is crucial because any cuts of this size will impact our programs and services. These meetings allow you to better understand how we are funded, what funding sources we can and cannot use to address our challenges, where we have already made cuts, and where we see potential opportunities to reduce expenditures further.

We have identified over \$11M in areas that could offer savings. Of that \$11M, we need to determine what \$5.5M are the cuts our community will be most comfortable with.

This is a multi-month process, resulting in recommendations being presented to the Board early next year.

**VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MONDAY, OCTOBER 7 @ 6:30**

Our next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for October 7 and will be held online (see details below). This allows more people to learn, participate, and provide input. Your participation in this event is crucial, and we encourage you to attend so your voice is heard.

I also want to encourage everyone to learn more about the [Dublin Education Alliance](#). All our neighboring districts have an organization of this nature, which raises funds to address shortfalls and support critical educational initiatives in their district. If you haven't already read it, There was a recent article about the DEA on Patch.com: [Dublin Education Alliance Hopes To Alleviate Budget Cuts](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CDF', is placed above the printed name.

Chris D. Funk  
Superintendent  
Dublin Unified School District



# DUSD VIRTUAL TOWN HALL BUDGET MEETING OCTOBER 7 @ 6:30 PM

## 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: <https://meet.google.com/yfx-ucse-rer>

Or dial: (US) +1 865-317-4294 PIN: 172 229 039#

**Electric Scooter Issue:** Some students use electric scooters to travel to and from school, and we understand that these can be a convenient mode of transportation. It's important to note that based on a review of California law, many of our students are using electric scooters illegally. California law requires anyone operating an electric scooter to have an instructional permit or driver's license. The minimum age for an instructional permit in California is 15 1/2, meaning no elementary or middle school students can legally operate an electric scooter on our streets/roads. For those who are at least 15 1/2 years old and in possession of an instructional permit or driver's license, it is illegal to operate an electric scooter on the sidewalk and anyone under the age of 18 must be wearing a helmet. [Click here for more information](#). Please also view the Dublin Police Department's [Motorized Scooter Flyer](#).

**District English Learner Advisory Committee & Multilingual Learner Resource Fair:** Our first District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) and annual Multilingual Learner Resource Fair will be held on October 2nd from 5 pm to 6:45 pm at York Alternative Learning center, 6901 York Drive, Dublin. Please see attached [flyer](#) for details. The DELAC gives input and advises the district on programs and services for multilingual learners/English Learners. All families of multilingual learners are welcome to attend.

**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](#).

**Vision & Hearing Screenings:** In just the first few weeks of this school year, 1,369 students across the district have successfully completed their vision and/or hearing screenings, thanks to the collaboration between our school sites and district-registered nurses. With many more students to be served over the next month and a half, this effort ensures early identification of potential issues and supports our students' overall health and academic success.

**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.](#)

**Full Closure of Southbound I-680 between Alcosta Blvd in San Ramon and I-580/I-680 Connector in Pleasanton September 20-23, 2024:** A full weekend closure of southbound Interstate 680 between the Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon and I-580/I-680 connector in Pleasanton will take place Friday, September 20 through Monday morning, September 23. Southbound Interstate 680 will be closed between the Alcosta Blvd in San Ramon and I-580/I-680 connector in Pleasanton from 9 p.m. Friday, September 20 through 4 a.m. Monday morning, September 23, 2024. However, all I-580/I-680 connectors will remain open through right most lanes on southbound I-680. We encourage motorists to take alternative routes to alleviate traffic congestion within the construction work zone on southbound I-680 in the cities of San Ramon and Dublin. [Click here for more information.](#)

**2024-2025 DUSD Budget Book Available:** Every June, school boards across the state are required to adopt budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. While the state-mandated documents are thorough, they can be difficult to interpret and often lack context for the decisions behind the numbers. At Dublin Unified, we believe that a budget is more than just numbers—it's a blueprint for achieving the district's vision and goals. To better communicate this, we've created an award-winning budget book that goes beyond the figures to explain what our budget aims to achieve. We're excited to share the [2024-2025 Budget Book](#) with our community, and we encourage everyone to use this resource to understand how we use our financial resources to support our students.

**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<br>(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)

- Education Week: [Parents Want Cellphones in the Classroom. Here's Why](#)
- Patch.com: [School Shooting Threats Explode Across CA](#)
- Inside Higher Ed: [How the SAT Shaped College Admissions](#)

#### DUSD IN THE NEWS

- The Independent: [School Board Considers Cell, Electronics Ban](#) (9/19)
- Patch.com: [Dublin Students Found National STEM Education Group](#) (9/18)

#### SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

- Dublin El Insta: [Mercy Watson's Buttered Toast in 1st Grade](#)
- Fallon Insta: [Fallon's Black Student Union \(BSU\) held their first meeting of the year](#)
- Murray Insta: [A visit to Ms. Devyn VanArkel's TK Classroom](#)
- Dublin High Facebook: [The first FNL of the 24/25 school year is in the books](#)
- DUSD Facebook: [District grounds crew begins upgrade of Fallon fields and track](#)
- Kolb Insta: [Mrs Johnson's class reached one of their class goals and celebrated with pj day! Here they are reading in the library!](#)
- Green Insta: [Dot Day art with our first grade students during morning recess](#)
- Amador Insta: [Comfort Canine Pet Therapy visits Amador](#)
- DUSD Insta: [Otamatones invade Emerald](#)

## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS & ARCHIVES

- **September 24:** Regular Board Meeting @ 6PM
- **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](mailto:titleixstaff@dublinusd.org). For student-related concerns: [titleixstudent@dublinusd.org](mailto:titleixstudent@dublinusd.org)

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