

Subject: DUSD Weekly Update – August 16, 2024

DUSD Community,

This week we successfully launched the 2024-2025 school year, with all 14 of our schools opening their doors without a hitch. We welcomed nearly 13,000 students and approximately 1,200 staff members back to our campuses. The energy and enthusiasm I experienced across the district has set a positive tone for the year ahead.

This year is especially momentous as we celebrate the historic opening of our second comprehensive high school, Emerald High. The addition of this beautiful new campus marks a significant milestone for our district and reflects our ongoing commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for all students and meeting the needs of our growing community.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member of our team who worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

As we move forward, I am filled with excitement for the learning, growth, and achievements that await us.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,



Chris D. Funk
Superintendent
Dublin Unified School District



DISTRICT NEWS

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Reports: During the August 13, 2024 Board Meeting, the Independent Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) submitted its 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Annual Reports to the Board of Trustees. Due to committee membership turnover, the 2021-2022 report had not been presented to the Board, so both reports were presented simultaneously. The purpose of the CBOC is to inform the public and the Board regarding expenditures of bond funds pursuant to Education Code Section 15278. In order to notify the community of the availability of the reports, the CBOC will post flyers with QR code links in community facilities such as City Hall, the library, The Wave, and the Senior Center. [Click here to view the 2022-2023 report.](#) [Click here to view the 2021-2022 report.](#)

COVID CASES RISING: Alameda County is seeing an uptick in COVID+ cases. It is important to practice preventative measures to mitigate the spread of COVID and other respiratory illnesses including:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you [cough or sneeze](#). Throw used tissues in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.
- Learn and use [proper handwashing techniques](#).
- [Teach children](#) the correct way to wash their hands.

If you test positive for COVID, here is the current guidance regarding the return to school/work:

- **DUSD Students** - COVID-positive students may return to class as long as they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms are mild/improving. It is recommended to wear a mask for 10 days when indoors around others. This aligns with how we currently treat other respiratory illnesses such as flu and the common cold.
- **DUSD Staff** - COVID-positive staff may return to work as long as they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication and symptoms are mild/improving. It is required to wear a mask for 10 days when indoors around others. It is still required to notify staff if they have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID.

Emerald High Aero Launch Grand Opening: On Saturday, August 17, from 10AM to 2PM, the Emerald High PFSO will hold the Emerald High Aero Launch Grand Opening Celebration. The event will include a time capsule ceremony, food, music, carnival games, performances, sponsor booths, club showcases, giveaways, and more. [Click here to see their flyer.](#)

Wheels bus update schedule: Wheels bus routes have updated schedules. Don't forget the Wheels annual Try Transit to School promotion provides FREE rides for all Tri-Valley middle and high school students from August 8 through August 31. The program encourages Tri-Valley middle and high school students to take transit to school by offering free rides on all Wheels bus routes. This extends to all Wheels destinations, all the time, even weekends! Using Try Transit to School is easy, students simply board any bus, no pass or student verification is required. For more information on Wheels Bus routes and youth programs, [click here.](#)

Where to find School Menus: CNS is discontinuing the use of the YumYummi app. To view and access menus, please go to the CNS Department Website and find the menu tab to access monthly menus. [Click here for more information.](#)

CNS Back to School Meeting: On 8/12, CNS conducted a back to school staff meeting which included a hands-on cooking session at Emerald High School. The focus was on exploring regional flavors, building and exploring different flavors, and roasting fresh vegetables and preparing simple salads.

Textbooks and Instructional Materials: Thank you to all of our middle and high school library Media Tech teams for successfully distributing textbooks during the Fall Check-In events this week. Our elementary school Media Techs have distributed textbooks to classrooms, and students will receive them the first week of school. Parents and students are encouraged to alert their teachers if they do not receive instructional materials for each of their classes.

BOND PROJECT UPDATE (Currently/Recently Active Projects)

SCHOOL	PROJECT	COMPLETION DATE	BUDGET	FUNDING
EMERALD	New Construction Phase 1, Inc. 1	February 2022	\$245M	Measures H & J
EMERALD	New Construction Phase 1, Inc. 2 & 3	March 2024		Measure J
EMERALD	New Construction Phase 2	April 2025	\$91.1M	Measure J
EMERALD	Theater	August 2026	\$38.3M	Measure J & Prop 51
MURRAY	Classroom Modernization Parking Lot, EDCC Move	July 2022	\$64.3M	Measure H & Prop 51
MURRAY	New MPR, Administration Building	Summer 2025		
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 (November 24). 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	December 2024	\$15.5M	Prop 51
SHAMROCK HILLS	New School	Fall 2026	\$102.5M	Measure J & Prop 51
DHS, FMS, WMS	Gym HVAC	Spring 2025	\$6.1M	Developer Fees

OUTSIDE SOURCES (Insight into topics facing public education)

- EdSource: [Newsom asks school leaders to restrict cellphones this school year](#)
- Education Week: [Why Do Literacy Retention Policies Target 3rd Grade?](#)
- EdSource: [New laws impacting education go into effect as the school year begins](#)
- The Hechinger Report: [Nearly 6 out of 10 middle and high school grades are wrong, study finds](#)

DUSD IN THE NEWS

- Mercury News: [Aerouants take over Dublin's Emerald High School opening](#) (8/14)
- SF Chronicle: [Inside first day at a \\$374 million high school in California's fastest-growing city](#) (8/13)
- KTVU: [New high school in Dublin](#) (8/13)
- KTVU: [Emerald High in Dublin 1st new Alameda County high school in 50 years](#) (8/13)
- KPIX: [New Emerald High School in Dublin opens for first day of class](#) (8/13)
- KRON: [Emerald High School opens its \\$347 million campus](#) (8/13)

- Dublin Patch: [Alameda County's First New High School In 50 Years Opens Tuesday](#)(8/12)
- The Independent: [Writers Club Names High School Contest Winners](#) (6/27)

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

- Emerald High Instagram: [Aeros are on campus for the first time](#)
- Dublin EI Instagram: [Sharks celebrate the 3rd day for 3rd grade](#)
- Murray Instagram: [Murray welcomes back its Cougars](#)
- Dublin High Instagram: [Current and former DHS students intern for the District Attorney](#)
- Kolb Instagram: [Eagles have returned to the nest](#)
- Amador Instagram: [Owls celebrate the first day of school](#)
- DUSD Instagram: [Our schools are alive with students](#)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS & ARCHIVES

- **August 27:** Regular Board Meeting @ 6PM
- **September 10 & 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

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