

Subject: DUSD Weekly Update - August 23, 2024

DUSD Community,

We know that drop-off and pick-up traffic around school sites can be challenging. This is not a Dublin-specific issue, rather one that exists at the vast majority of schools in our region. While we understand the inconvenience and frustration this can cause, we often see behavior on behalf of our students and their parents/guardians - designed to save a few seconds - that can't be justified.

Some of the most common poor choices we see on behalf of individuals driving students to school include dropping students off in traffic, double parking (obstructing the flow of traffic), blocking crosswalks, excessive speed in parking lots, illegal u-turns, not following the direction of school staff, not pulling as far into the drop-off zone as possible, parking in red-zones, leaving vehicles unattended, and distracted driving.

For students, especially at the secondary level, not wearing, or not properly wearing, a helmet while riding bikes/e-bikes, scooters/e-scooters, and skateboards/e-skateboards is the most significant concern. In California, riders under 18 must wear a Department of Transportation (DOT) approved and properly fitted helmet on all types of bikes, scooters, and skateboards - electric or manually powered.

Other issues include riding bikes, scooters, or skateboards on the wrong side of the road, not using crosswalks or leveraging crossing guards, and being distracted while traveling to school.

If your students get to and from school on their own, we ask parents to review best practices (wearing helmets, crossing at crosswalks, making eye contact with drivers, stopping bikes, scooters, etc. at stop signs, avoiding distractions) and relevant laws with their children.

We also ask that you practice patience and understanding when driving in a school zone. For parents with students at the secondary level, please consider dropping students off a few blocks from school. A little movement before class is actually good for the learning process.

We want all our students and staff to arrive at school and home safely. This is a shared responsibility, and for this to happen, our entire community must be diligent about employing best practices and obeying traffic laws. Your contribution is crucial in ensuring the safety of our school environment.

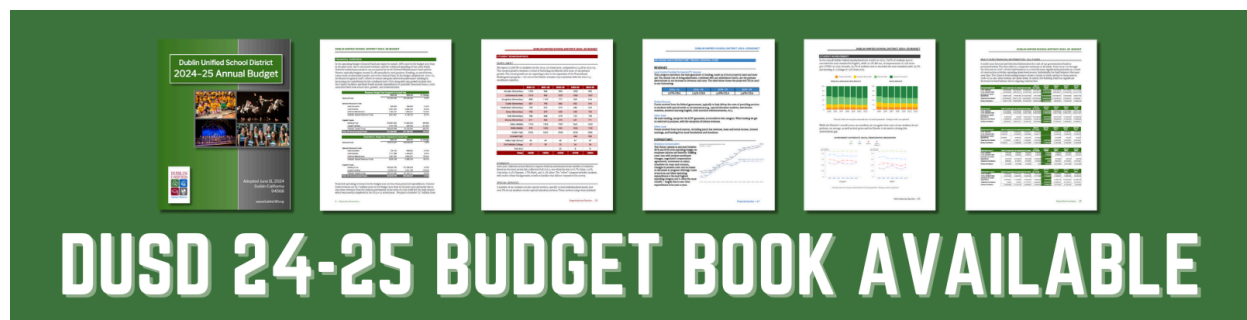
If you see someone operating unsafely, please inform the school site or local law enforcement. Your actions can help prevent potential accidents.

We appreciate your assistance and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,



Chris D. Funk
Superintendent
Dublin Unified School District



DISTRICT NEWS

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.

Menstrual Equity & The 2024-2025 School Year: As a result of the Menstrual Equity for All Act of 2021 ([AB 230](#)), starting in the 2022-2023 school year, all public schools serving any grade 6-12 students were required to provide free and accessible menstrual products in all women's restrooms and all-gender restrooms, and at least one men's restroom. As of this school year (2024-2025), schools serving any grade 3-5 students must also comply with the Act. As a result, all DUSD schools now offer menstrual products in all women's and gender-neutral bathrooms and at least one boys' bathroom. [Click here to learn more about the Menstrual Equity for All Act of 2021.](#)

COVID-19 Control & Prevention Recommendations: People who are COVID-19 positive may return to work when their symptoms are mild, improving, and they have been fever-free for 24 hours without any fever-reducing medications. It is recommended that they wear a mask when indoors around other people for 10 days from the start of symptoms or day of first positive test. Providing a negative test result is not necessary.

2024 Youth Advisory Committee Mini-Grant Program: The Youth Mini-Grant Program provides up to \$2,500 in grant money to Dublin middle and high school organizations and clubs that offer performing arts, sports, multicultural awareness, health awareness, or other youth activities that support projects or programs serving or benefiting Dublin youth. Restrictions apply. Please visit www.dublin.ca.gov/2391 or call 925-556-4500 for more information.

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.](#)

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.](#)

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: [Cellphone bans becoming more common in California schools](#)
- The Hechinger Report: [The fastest-growing college expense may not be what people think](#)
- The74.com: [Americans Want Next President to Focus on Workforce Prep, Hiring Teachers](#)
- EdSource: [Cal State, University of California ban encampments, impose protest rules](#)
- SF Gate: [Hoping to curb vaping, California school district uses Juul settlement for sensors](#)

DUSD IN THE NEWS

- OneDublin.org: [Assistant Principal Lenni Velez Fortifies Leadership and Familiarity at Emerald High School](#) (8/20)
- Mercury News: [Dublin High, other area schools placed on lockdown over fake fight call, police say](#) (8/19)
- Independent News: [A High-Tech Jewel Opens in Dublin](#) (8/14)

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

- DUSD Facebook: [The 24-25 Budget Book is available](#)
- Dublin EI Instagram: [Mrs. Cullom's class wishes Ms. Jones Heintz a happy birthday](#)
- Amador Instagram: [Kindergarten & TK families attend the Principal Meet & Greet](#)
- Dublin High Facebook: [DHS holds its Back-to-School rally](#)
- Emerald High Instagram: [EHS celebrates a successful Aero Launch](#)

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

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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