

Subject: DUSD Weekly Update - October 25, 2024

DUSD Community,

In our recent Town Hall meetings about the budget challenges we anticipate for the 2025-2026 school year, we listed several areas for potential reductions. One of those areas was our Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSAs). Following these Town Hall meetings, it was clear we needed to do a better job of communicating the role and the value our TOSAs bring to the district. To provide this additional insight, we have developed a document (link below) that highlights the individual TOSA positions, their accomplishments, current work plans, job descriptions, and the potential impacts if their jobs were to be eliminated.

In the presentation we shared at the Town Hall meetings (link below) we now provide job descriptions for all the positions that may be impacted by future budget cuts (see slide 34). This will allow our community to better understand the roles and responsibilities of these positions.

We continue to urge our community to review this information and provide us with feedback via the survey. If you have thoughts beyond what can be expressed in the survey, please email us at communications@dublinusd.org.

2025-2026 BUDGET CHALLENGE RESOURCES

[Budget Town Hall Presentation Video](#)

[Townhall Presentation](#)

[FAQ](#)

[TOSA Overview](#)

[DUSD 24-25 Budget Diagram](#)

[Budget Survey](#)

Sincerely,



Chris D. Funk
Superintendent
Dublin Unified School District



DISTRICT NEWS

Career DUSD Educator Named Emerald High Principal: During its October 22, 2024, regular Board meeting, the Dublin Unified School District, which serves approximately 12,800 students from preschool through adult education, named Lenni Velez the new principal of Emerald High. Velez began her teaching career at Dublin

High in 2005, and after eleven years of teaching math at the school, she progressed to the assistant principal role. She served as an assistant principal at Dublin High for six years before transitioning to the same role at the recently opened Emerald High – the district's second comprehensive high school and the first comprehensive high school built in Alameda County in over 50 years. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

13th Annual Irish Guard Invitational: The Irish Guard and Dublin Friends of Music welcome and invite you to attend their marquee event, the 13th Annual Irish Guard Invitational at Gaels Stadium on Saturday, November 2, 2024! Eighteen of the best field show performance bands, including the Irish Guard (composed of students from both Dublin High and Emerald High) will take the field to compete and perform. Months of hard work have culminated into these fall field shows, and you do not want to miss this. Gates open at 1:20 p.m. and the Invitational begins at 2:20 p.m. The Irish Guard performs around 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for seniors and military. DUSD staff and students with ID get in free. Exciting food options will be available for sale. Please join us for an entertaining evening. More information at <https://www.dublinhsmusic.org/invitational.html>.

Special Olympics of Northern California (SONC): Special Olympics is underway! Our elementary students participated in soccer on Tuesday and our secondary students will participate Oct 29 at DHS. We wish the best to all our student athletes!

Improving Student Attendance: The Equity and Student Services department is actively working to improve attendance for students with a high volume of absences through parent-teacher conferences. As of October 16, we have completed 18.8% of the 48 scheduled conferences. This initiative involves collaboration with the district social worker, family engagement specialists, and child welfare and attendance specialists to support students and address their needs.

Elementary Students to Experience New Musical: A New Musical, [DOT DOT DOT](#), is coming to DUSD. The musical is based on the Creatrilogy trio of award-winning picture books (The Dot, Ish, and Sky Color) by New York Times bestselling author Peter H. Reynolds. Several of our elementary schools, including Murray, Fred, CCS, and Amador, will attend the performances on October 28th and 29th @ 9:30 am & 11:45 am. The Dublin community is welcome to join our schools, free of charge, at the Center for Performing Arts & Education venue located at Dublin High School performances on the 29th only, due to capacity issues on the 28th.

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.](#)

DUSD Board Meeting Summary: The Board Buzz summary from the October 22, 2024, Regular Board Meeting is now available on the district website. A complete collection of summaries can be found at [this link](#). If the digest does not provide the level of detail you are looking for, full videos of most meetings are available at <https://www.dublinusd.org/board-archive>

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!

Where to find School Menus: CNS has discontinued 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 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: [How to help kids and teens use the Internet safely](#)
- EducationWeek: [Can the AP Model Work for CTE?](#)
- Sacramento Bee: [This California middle school restricted cellphone use on campus. Was it successful?](#)

DUSD IN THE NEWS

- Independent News: [Emerald High Principal Steps Down Suddenly](#) (10/24)
- Patch.com: [Emerald High School Names New Principal](#) (10/23)
- Patch.com: [Tragic Death Of 9-Months-Pregnant Teacher, Her Baby, 2nd Staffer](#) (10/22)
- Pleasanton Weekly: [Emerald High principal Rojas resigns months into new school's first year open](#) (10/18)
- Patch.com: [Emerald High School Principal Resigns Immediately](#) (10/18)

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

- Dublin El Insta: [It's Red Ribbon Week at Dublin Elementary](#)
- DUSD Facebook: [First female Emerald athlete makes NCS golf championship](#)
- Murray Insta: [Cougars plan celebration for Mrs. Repine](#)
- Dougherty Insta: [JDS Dolphins are Proud to Be Drug-Free](#)
- DUSD Facebook: [Fallon Mustangs win the TVAL basketball crown](#)

- Green Insta: [Author Zainab Khan shared her book 'Noura's Crescent Moon' with Green students](#)
- DHS Facebook: [Dublin High celebrates Homecoming](#)
- Kolb Insta: [Eagles march in DHS Homecoming parade](#)
- DHS Insta: [DHS hosted its Fall Orchestra & Jazz concert](#)
- DUSD Insta: [Special Olympics soccer at Dublin High](#)

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS & ARCHIVES

- **November 12:** Regular Board Meeting/Data Walk @ 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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