

NEWS UPDATE
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November CUCPTSA News Update

Teacher of the Year Celebration at Disneyland Hotel

We celebrated our 2018 CUSD Teachers of the Year Friday night at the Orange County Teacher of the Year event at the Disneyland Hotel. David Pino, Serra High School; Carol Cutkomp, Tijeras Creek Elementary School; and Susan Peterson, Niguel Hills Middle School, were in attendance, along with family, site leaders, Trustees and District staff.

This event brings together all Orange County School Districts and celebrates the extraordinary work our teachers do for our young people each and every day.

Ribbon Cutting at Tesoro High School

Remarks from Superintendent Vital:

This building we celebrate today is the third of its kind in the Capistrano Unified School District. Last year, we opened classrooms just like this at San Juan Hills High School and San Clemente High School.

Here at Tesoro we knew we needed upgraded teaching spaces – and we needed to get rid of the outdated portables that were on this school site! Thankfully, because of available facilities funding we were able to accomplish this work.

As you tour the building and take a look at the classrooms, you'll see 21st Century teaching taking place in 21st century classrooms. It's amazing how fast teaching changes each and every year — now we have access to greater computer networking, modern lighting and modern building materials — just to name a few upgrades.

Before I turn it over to Trustee Bullockus, I want to congratulate our facilities team for their work in opening this incredible building — they opened these 24 classrooms on time – for the start of the first day of school back in August – and under budget!

That's extraordinary work!

Remarks from Trustee Bullockus:

Thank you all for being here today. It's always fun to open something new for our students and I'm happy to be here today to celebrate these great classrooms!

Our goal with this building was to enhance learning and to create more space for our high school students and teachers. I'm proud to say that this building is not modular or

portable, but, as they say in construction, built with bricks and mortar. We were able to do this work because of available funding in CFD's as well as state matching funds.

This is a great case study for our District and our community in that our staff identified a need, identified funding, built a plan, brought it to our Board for approval, carried out construction and opened the classrooms on time and under budget.

We're proud of this work because, as you will see, the high standards of construction and innovation that you will find inside these classrooms, match the high standards of teaching and learning we provide to our students.

I hope today that you are inspired by the work that can be accomplished for our students, families, teachers, and staff— now let's cut the ribbon!

Grand Opening of San Clemente High School Culinary Arts Classroom

We opened a brand new culinary arts classroom at San Clemente High School. Made possible by a Career Technical Education grant from the state of California, this new classroom is part of \$3 million in upgrades we have been able to complete thanks to the CTE grant.

Grand Opening of Bathgate Innovation Lab

We also celebrated the Grand Opening of the Bathgate Innovation Lab. Made possible because of the hard work of teachers, parents, and Principal Kurtz...and a ScholarShare grant worth \$20,000 which was used to equip the STEM/Innovation Lab with necessary equipment, supplies and materials needed to actively engage our students as they explore, discover and create.

Superintendent's Roadshow Update

Our Superintendent and members of Executive Cabinet are working on a goal to visit every CUSD school site this year to meet with parents and families as well as teachers and staff. Since October 15, the Superintendent and Staff have visited the following:

- ANHS PTA on 10/16
- Newhart Middle School staff on 10/17
- Vista del Mar PTA on 10/18
- Niguel Hills Middle School staff on 10/29
- Tesoro High School Professional Development visit on 11/1

Upcoming Roadshow Visits:

- Las Flores PTA on 11/6
- Capistrano Valley PTA on 11/7
- Niguel Hills Middle School PTA on 11/14
- Ambuehl Staff on 11/16
- Tesoro Staff on 11/28

- Don Juan Avial Staff on 11/29
- Oso Grande Staff on 11/29
- Del Obispo PTA on 11/29
- Marblehead PTA 11/30
- Vista del Mar Staff on 12/05
- Bathgate Staff on 12/05
- Capistrano Valley Staff on 12/06
- Moulton Staff on 12/06
- BAMS Staff on 12/07

Comprehensive Sexual Education Update

Here is the link to our [Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Webpage](#)

Update on October 24, 2018 Board Workshop

The Board reviewed options for a potential school facilities bond. The presentation can be found [here: http://capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1514016268888/1455438848279/3479082492676210376.pdf](http://capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1514016268888/1455438848279/3479082492676210376.pdf)

HISTORY

Since late 2016, the District has been working with the Facilities and Finance Committee made up of community members from across all regions of the District to help the community understand the District's funding, facilities needs and options for funding these significant needs.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION At the June 20, 2018 Board meeting, the Facilities and Finance Committee presented a proposal, developed in partnership with District staff, for placing one or more regional bond measures on the March 2020 ballot. The committee also presented a summary timeline including tasks to be completed leading up to the Board of Trustees considering placing a measure(s) on the March 2020 ballot. The Board approved this timeline and regional bond measure approach.

The agenda for the Special Meeting can be found here: <http://capousd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1514016268888/1455438848279/7856181821270914775.pdf>

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 12, 2018: Veterans Day – **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday, November 14, 2018: Board of Trustee meeting

Monday, November 19 to Friday, November 23, 2018: Thanksgiving Break

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