

NEWS UPDATE
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March CUCPTSA News Update

Measure H and Measure I

As of this morning we can say with certainty that both Measures failed. Preliminary results show a 30% success rate of 55% voter approval school bonds Statewide and a 10% success rate in Orange County, compared to the last 10 years of election cycles with success rates in the range of 75% to 95% (even in primary elections). This was not a great election for school bonds.

It has been over twenty years since voters in CUSD passed a bond measure to support our local schools. Meanwhile, our schools continued to age, and the state provided no funding for renovation or modernization of schools. Measure H and Measure I were on the ballot for the following reasons:

1. To provide local tax dollars that the state could not take
2. To provide local tax dollars on specific projects
3. To provide local tax dollars to renovate and modernize local schools

Where do we go from here? We know that our community supports public education and the work happening in our schools every day. There is agreement that our local schools need investments to stay competitive with other school districts. Finally, we must make investments to support 21st-century learning possible for our young people. Healthy public schools support a robust local economy.

We have engaged with local elected officials, city council members, chambers of commerce, families, and staff over the last three years. We acknowledge and are grateful for their support and committed to holding them close for the effort ahead. We vow to continue this work until we identify solutions that our community can support.

Our facilities needs will not go away and we will be working with our Board to determine next steps.

CUSD Insider is on YouTube!

Please encourage your members to subscribe to our new YouTube channel! [Check it out here!](#)

Coronavirus Information and Resources

Communications created a webpage on our District website to serve as a point of reference for families and staff, [linked here](#). The webpage includes information on the virus, links to resources, all District communication, and infographics provided by the Orange County Health Care Agency. Communications is working with Student Support Services to develop an FAQ to add to the webpage as well.

Additionally, a news story was published on CUSD Insider, [linked here](#).

To date, we do not have confirmation of any positive cases of coronavirus in the District. If we have a confirmed positive case, the Orange County Healthcare Agency will work with the individual school and the district to take necessary steps to protect the well-being of students, staff, and families.

OC toll road agency to nix 241 extension through San Clemente

[Click here for the Orange County Register article.](#)

This is great news for the city of San Clemente and for the students, families, and staff at San Clemente High School. For three years our Board of Trustees has been monitoring the work of the County of Orange, CalTrans, and TCA due to the health and safety concerns connected to this project. We continue to have concerns over any project that is in close proximity to our campuses and will utilize any and all resources at our disposal to protect the health and safety of our students, families, and staff.

Celebrating International Women's Day

In celebration of International Women's Day, we featured the Marco Forster Middle School all-girls robotics team on CUSD Insider!

This group of girl powered students recently won the Amaze Award at the VEX Robotics regional competition!

[Read the full story!](#)

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Webinar

Thank you to those of you who registered for our MTSS webinar. On February 19 we held an interactive webinar on CUSD's Multi-tiered System of Supports for students in the areas of academic, social-emotional, and behavior. We also discussed the foundational role of Professional Learning Communities (PLC), where staff work in collaborative teams and use data to determine levels of support for students.

If you joined us live, we hope you found the webinar valuable! If you weren't able to join us for the webinar or would like to view the webinar again, [watch the recording here!](#)

Hoag Hospital Speaker Series Event

Self Harm and Suicide Recording with Dr. David Sack

On February 26, Dr. Sack discussed a sensitive, yet highly important topic for our families and community members: self harm and suicide. It's more important than ever to break the stigma about this crisis and work together to prevent self harm and suicide in our community.

Do you know the warning signs to look for and how to approach the topic with your loved ones?

Watch the full video of this powerful discussion with mental health experts from ASPIRE at Hoag on our YouTube channel, [linked here](#).

Dr. Sack also shared a column with more information on this topic on CUSD Insider, [linked here](#).

RSVP for our FINAL discussion with Hoag Hospital!

Our final discussion will provide an overview on teen mental health.

Adolescence is a time of profound growth and change. While our brain is still developing, challenges in school, family, and our social relationships can result in significant emotional distress leading to difficulties in normal daily function.

If you are a parent of a teen in Orange County today, you likely have your own story – direct or indirect – to understand that mental health is a pressing issue in our community.

Join child and adolescent psychiatrist Dr. Sina Safahieh for an educational discussion on teen mental health.

A panel of teen mental health experts from ASPIRE at Hoag, including licensed marriage and family therapists Prerna Rao and Dave Cook will also be present to answer questions.

When

Wednesday, April 1 from 6-8 p.m.

Where

Tesoro High School Theater
1 Tesoro Creek Road
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Price

Free!

[Download the flyer!](#)

Don't miss this important discussion with Hoag Hospital – [RSVP here!](#)

Principal for a Day

Last Friday, we had the honor and privilege of hosting community leaders, local business owners, and elected officials to participate in our annual “Principal for a Day” event. This year we had the highest participation rate in history, with a “principal” assigned to each school site, and some sites with two!

“This was by far the best day I’ve ever had in this career,” said Deputy Davida Tidwell of Dana Point Police Services.

“I absolutely love that school,” said San Juan Capistrano Mayor Troy Bourne of his day spent at San Juan Elementary School.

These are just some of the wonderful testimonials shared during our luncheon event.

Visit CUSDInsider.org for photos + the FULL story, [linked here!](#)

Exclusive Interviews

City of Laguna Niguel Mayor Laurie Davies visited Niguel Hills Middle School. “This is one of my favorite events each year,” she said. [Full story linked here!](#)

“I have huge admiration for the work they do each day,” said Mike Balsamo, Senior Vice President of Governmental Relations at Rancho Mission Viejo. [Full story linked here!](#)

We asked Orange County Sheriff’s Department Sergeant Darren Braham what he enjoyed most about his day at Shorecliffs Middle School. His response? “Seeing the positive impact that the Principal has on his school.” [Full story linked here!](#)

Discounted Angels Baseball Tickets

Join us May 16, 2020 at the ballpark for the 2nd Annual CUSD family fun night at Angels Stadium!

There will be a postgame fireworks show, along with a postgame country concert.

[Download the flyer!](#)

[Tickets are limited - Purchase yours today!](#)

What You May Have Missed on CUSD Insider

Check out the following story highlights you may have missed CUSD Insider this month. If you have a story you would like featured on the Insider, please reach out to Chelsea Turner at cmturner@capousd.org.

[No coronavirus cases in Capistrano Unified; district prepares](#)

[OC Sheriff's Sergeant learns 'a lot' while serving as Shorecliffs Principal for a Day](#)

[Rancho Mission Viejo Executive experiences a day in the life of a principal](#)

[Capistrano Unified Principal for a Day program educates, impresses community members and business owners](#)

["This is one of my favorite events each year," Mayor Laurie Davies serves as Principal for the Day at Niguel Hills Middle School](#)

['Clue' cast, crew win big at Southern California theater festival](#)

[Over 500 Capistrano Unified students awe audience with outstanding musical performance at Segerstrom Concert Hall](#)

[Niguel Hills Middle School students engage local government, earn street name dedication](#)

[The Key to Suicide Prevention is Treatment](#)

[Every voter counts at San Clemente High School](#)

[Capistrano Unified math teacher awarded prestigious national prize](#)

[San Juan Hills High business students take state title in Virtual Enterprise with 'Sole Purpose'](#)

Upcoming Events

- Teacher of the Year Celebration: March 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- CUSD and Hoag Speaker Series: April 1 from 6-8 p.m. at Tesoro High School Theater
- 2nd Annual CUSD family fun night at Angels Stadium: May 16, 2020 at 6:07 p.m.

Upcoming Board Meetings

All Board meeting agendas [can be found here](#).

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