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THE DISTRICT BRIDGE

Strategic Plan Edition

Dear Sunnyvale Educational Partners,

With the election approaching, I am reminded of the critical importance of our work. A core function of public education is to build an educated population prepared to contribute to a healthy democracy. We teach students how to gather and to discern information, to think critically about what they have learned, to confer respectfully with and to learn from those who have opposing viewpoints, and to contribute confidently to the conversation, not only so that they can meet their grade level goals, but also so they can help shape our collective future.

These lessons help students build characteristics embodied in our Portrait of a Learner, which you will see outlined in this edition of The District Bridge. In short, the portrait summarizes our vision for our students — who each one will be as a learner when they leave our schools: “ready to excel in high school and beyond, and to live a life of joy and purpose” as our District Promise reminds us.

Within these pages, we have outlined the key elements of our Sunnyvale School District Strategic Plan. We developed the plan using extensive community input, and while strategies evolve, the goals and principles it outlines serve as guideposts by which we navigate our daily work. After all, the District Promise is really a promise from our community to our children.

Our strategic approach helps us to regularly evaluate our efforts and expenditures to ensure we are accomplishing our most critical District targeted outcomes, those that provide the greatest return in the form of student learning success. The plan also anticipates and requires the continued support of the Sunnyvale community. Our community shares our vision of success for every child.

I invite you to learn more about our Strategic Plan by visiting our website. It is the foundation for learning that we build on to ensure today’s children will be ready to shape our community’s future.

Thank you for your trust and support.

Sincerely,



Michael Gallagher, Ed.D.

Superintendent, Sunnyvale School District



OUR SCHOOLS

Bishop Elementary
Cherry Chase Elementary
Cumberland Elementary
Ellis Elementary
Fairwood Explorer
Lakewood Tech EQ
San Miguel Elementary
Vargas Elementary
Columbia Middle
Sunnyvale Middle

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Isabel Jubes-Flamerich
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Bridget Watson

Measure Y

November 5, 2024

In November voters in the Sunnyvale School District will be asked to renew the District's \$59 per year parcel tax that was first approved in 2011.

Measure Y funds will allow the District to protect programs such as math, English, and science; attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff; keep class sizes as small as possible; and maintain computers and technology used by students and teachers.

Measure Y provides for strict accountability. An Independent Community Oversight Committee will monitor and review all parcel tax expenditures, making sure that all funds are spent as planned for the benefit of local students.

An exemption from the parcel tax is available to those who are 65 years old or disabled and own and reside in their home. Anyone currently exempt from the parcel tax will continue to be exempt. You do not need to re-apply.

To learn more about Measure Y, please visit <https://www.sesd.org/Page/3935>.



Our Promise

At SSD, we begin every day with a promise, so it is fitting that the same promise be a driver in our strategic planning.

Our promise is that every student is known by **name**, **strength** and **need**, ready to excel in high school and beyond, to lead a **life of joy** and **purpose**.



Our Core Values

Our strategic plan is designed to embody the values that guide us in our actions every day. By cultivating these values, we create a climate that embraces and encourages all.

Our core values are **Joy, Compassion, Justice, Courage, and Excellence.**



Portrait of a Sunnyvale Learner

It all comes down to our Portrait of a Sunnyvale Learner, which describes our vision for each one of our students.

Critical thinker and effective communicator

Resilient lifelong learner

Healthy in mind and body

Effective collaborator in our global society

Building these assets helps position students well for lifelong learning success.



Goals for Student Success

Student success depends on District success. In our strategic planning process we identified four goals by which we will measure our progress.

GOAL 1. Students Experience Inclusive & Nurturing Environment

GOAL 2. Students Receive Equitable Opportunities for Growth

GOAL 3. Students Demonstrate Responsibility for Learning

GOAL 4. Students Achieve Mastery of Core Content Areas

To learn more about our 2024-2030 Strategic Plan, visit <https://www.sesd.org/Page/5815>





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Inside: information about
Measure Y and a summary of
our 2024-2030 Strategic Plan

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November 5th!

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