



Superintendent's Message Mensaje del Superintendente

Dear District Families & Staff:

Sometimes words are inadequate to address and confront the recent chain of events in our community, state and country. From the hurricane damages in

Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, to the California wildfires, our nation seems to be gripped in an on-going state of emergency. These events have, without a doubt, lasting consequences which impact us all.

I was moved and touched by the outpouring of help and support we have received from our community following a recent tragedy at Sequoia High School. Mental health workers, our counselors, site administrators, and Redwood City Elementary staff have been on hand to support and assist students and staff to process the loss of life.

Our student leaders initiated a [Gofundme page](#) (click on link to donate) which has already raised over \$5,000, and collected shelter supplies across the school sites. Sparked by the Associated Student Body Presidents and Activity Directors, our Student Trustee **Ria Calcagno** networked across the schools. Carlmont Principal **Ralph Crame** gathered and delivered car loads of supplies for the fire victim shelters, and spent his Saturday volunteering at a Sonoma County shelter. We are looking forward to recognizing their efforts this week.

I am also mindful that our students are resilient and resourceful, that sometimes with all the obstacles and trauma they face, they face them courageously and grow stronger. In this last month, I had the privilege of meeting with some of these students from our district—the Dreamers. They reaffirmed their fundamental right to an education and access to opportunities. The Board and I strongly support our Dreamers and are committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning environment for ALL students.

It is at times like these that, more than ever, we are reminded that we need to rally as a community. We have to take care of ourselves, our students, our neighbors, and our communities.

— Mary Streshly

Estimadas familias y personal del distrito:

A veces las palabras son inadecuadas para abordar y afrontar la cadena de eventos recientes en nuestra comunidad, el estado y el país. Desde los daños ocasionados por el huracán en Texas, Florida y Puerto Rico hasta los incendios forestales, nuestra nación parece estar atrapada en un estado continuo de emergencia. Estos eventos han sido, sin duda, consecuencias duraderas que nos impactan a todos.

Estuve conmovida y emocionada por la efusión de ayuda y apoyo que hemos recibido de parte de nuestra comunidad después de una reciente tragedia en *Sequoia High School*. Los trabajadores de salud mental, nuestros consejeros, administradores escolares y el personal de *Redwood City Elementary* estuvieron presentes para apoyar y aydar a los estudiantes a procesar la perdida de vida.

Nuestros líderes estudiantiles iniciaron una página [Gofundme](#) (haga clic en el enlace para donar) que ha recaudado más de \$5,000 y ha recolectado suministros para los refugios a través de las escuelas. Inspirado por el Cuerpo Estudiantil de Presidentes, nuestra estudiante miembro de la junta directiva **Ria Calcagno**, hizo contacto con todas las escuelas. El director de Carlmont, **Ralph Crame**, recaudó y entregó autos llenos de suministros para los refugios de las víctimas de incendios y pasó su sábado siendo voluntario en el refugio del condado de Sonoma. Esperamos reconocer sus esfuerzos esta semana.

También estoy consciente de que nuestros estudiantes son resistentes y capaces que a veces con todos los obstáculos y traumas que enfrentan, los enfrentan con valentía y se fortalecen. En este último mes, he tenido el privilegio de reunirme con algunos de estos estudiantes de nuestro distrito — los *Dreamers*. Ellos reafirmaron su derecho fundamental a una educación y las oportunidades. La Junta y yo apoyamos firmemente a nuestros *Dreamers* y estamos comprometidos a proporcionar un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro y acogedor para TODOS nuestros estudiantes.

Es en momentos como estos, más que nunca, que se nos recuerda que necesitamos unirnos como comunidad. Tenemos que cuidar de nosotros mismos nuestros estudiantes, nuestros vecinos y nuestras comunidades.

—Mary Streshly

Dr. Streshly possesses 26 years of service in public education. She holds a B.A from UC Berkeley, an M.A. from San Diego State University and a Doctorate from San Francisco State University.

La Dra. Streshly llega a Sequoia con 26 años de servicio en educación pública sirviendo a estudiantes de preparatoria. Ella tiene un B.A de UC Berkeley, una M.A. de San Diego State University y un Doctorado de San Francisco State University.



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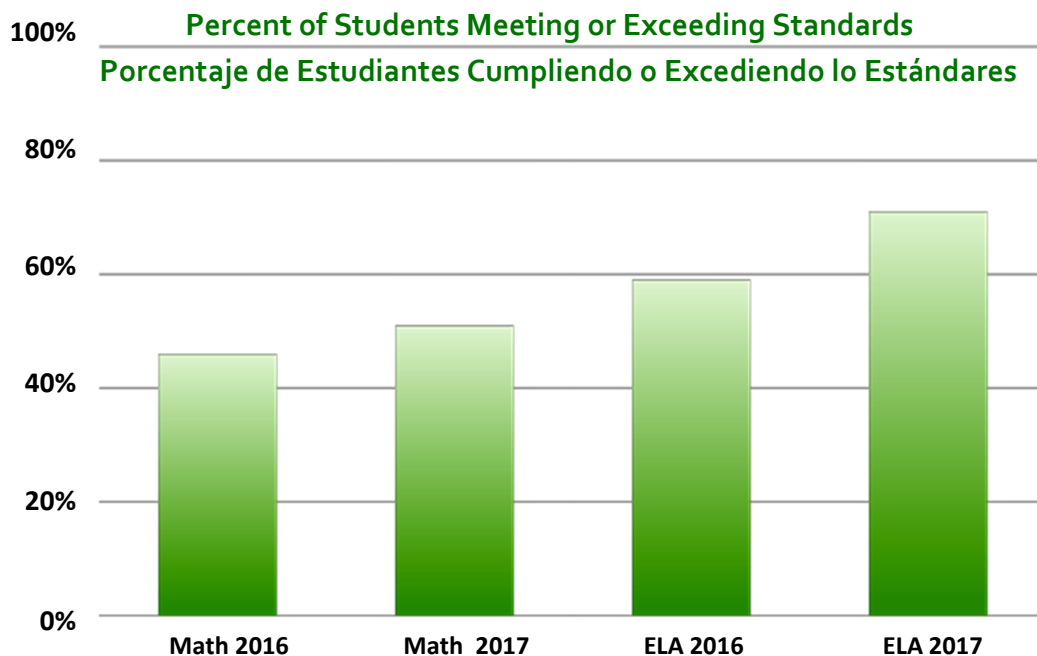
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2017 Smarter Balanced (SBAC) Test Gains

Logros en las Pruebas *Smarter Balanced* (SBAC) 2017

In spring of 2017, SUHSD 11th grade students sat for their Common Core Standardized Assessment Test, commonly known as the Smarter Balanced (SBAC) Tests. The results are now available on the [District](#) Dashboard and the California Department of Education's (CDE) [State](#) Dashboard.

Our District posted some impressive gains this year. Overall numbers in ELA improved 12.1%. For ELA, every site, ethnicity, special population, and school increased the percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards. Similarly, Math increased overall performance levels by 5.3%.



En la primavera de 2017, los estudiantes del grado 11 de SUHSD tomaron su Prueba de Evaluación Estandarizada *Common Core*, comúnmente conocida como Pruebas *Smarter Balanced* (SBAC, por sus siglas en inglés). Los resultados ya están disponibles en el panel de datos del [Distrito](#) y el panel de datos del [Estado](#) del Departamento de Educación de California (CDE, por sus siglas en inglés).

Nuestro distrito publicó algunos logros impresionantes este año. Los números generales en ELA mejoraron un 12.1%. Para ELA, cada sitio escolar, etnicidad, población especial y escuela aumentó el porcentaje de estudiantes cumpliendo o excediendo los estándares. Similarmen-te, los niveles de rendimiento en Matemáticas en general aumentaron por 5.3%.



Gabriel hands a cup of yogurt to Sandra Rick, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.

Gabriel le entrega una taza de yogurt a Sandra Rick, Asistente Administrativa a la Superintendente.

Faces of TRACE Cafe

Las Caras del TRACE Café

TRACE is the adult (18-22) support network designed to provide students with integrated services to help them transition from school to career. TRACE CAFE is usually open on Thursdays from 9:15-10:30. Please stop by for some hot coffee, fresh bagels, yogurt with fruit, granola, hard boiled eggs, chocolate chip cookies, dog treats, granola and fresh roasted coffee beans. TRACE is collects pre-orders for Friday's TRACE sandwich lunch deliveries between 10-11 a.m. Pre-orders are due on Thursdays by 11:30 at the order box located at the DO front desk.

TRACE es una red de apoyo para adultos (18-22 años de edad) diseñada para proveer a estudiantes servicios integrados para ayudarlos con la transición de escuela a carrera. TRACE CAFÉ usualmente abre los jueves de 9:15-10:30. Por favor pásese por una taza de café caliente, un bagel fresco, yogurt con fruta, granola, huevos hervidos, alletas de chocolate hechas, meriendas para perros, granola hecha y café rostizado de grano fresco. TRACE recolecta pre-ordenes para la entrega de sándwiches de TRACE los viernes para el almuerzo de 10-11 a.m. Las pre-ordenes se deben hacer para las 11:30am los jueves en la caja de órdenes en la recepción de la oficina del distrito.

CARLMONT HS

On August 21st, the entire school viewed the solar eclipse. A small group of parents made it possible to purchase enough glasses for the entire school. Here is a link to the [scotscoop article](#). Our Football team is off to a great start at 3-0. Here is the [youtube link](#).

On September 13th, all the English classes held mini-book club discussions on the football field. Also, author of summer reading book, "Everyday", David Leviathan spoke to the school in an assembly Friday, September 15th.

Our BTI program is the South Bay winner of a \$20,000 science grant in the 2017 Giants of Science competition hosted by the California Life Sciences Association, the California Life Sciences Institute, and KNBR to support the next generation of life sciences leaders in the Bay Area.

EAST PALO ALTO ACADEMY

EPAA students expanded their horizons this month:

- Students participated in an outdoor education backpacking trip with mentors from Stanford Outdoor Outreach Program (SOOP) in Yosemite on October 13-15 .
- EPAA Spanish 3 students joined their Stanford counterparts in their shared course studying the elements of the Telenovela.
- On October 19th all EPAA students went on the road to visit CSU campuses that included San Francisco, Sonoma, East Bay/Hayward and Sacramento. It was awesome to see so many students now able to visualize themselves as a college student in the near future.

MENLO-ATHERTON

Our students have been busy:

- Students camped out at Carr Lake near Nevada City on September 22-24 with their Environmental Science class.
- Debate Club members competed at California State University Long Beach September 29-October 2.
- AVID students participated in tours and presentations at both CSU Monterey Bay and UC Santa Cruz on October 3.
- M-A student leadership started a Go Fund Me page and donation drive to aid North Bay Fire Victims and are sponsoring a shoe drive to help victims in hurricane affected areas.

Three M-A parents – **Stella Bergan**, **Susan Mohr**, and **Stacey Alexander** – along with M-A football coach **Adhir Ravipati** worked together to establish the **Aisea Bojack Mataele** Scholarship Fund to honor the Menlo-Atherton High School student who passed away last December from a rare illness.

Class of '67 Alumni toured Menlo-Atherton with **Principal Kennel** as part of their 50th reunion weekend celebration on October 14th. While they loved the new buildings and facility, their favorite part was touring the old classrooms and boys PE locker area which, despite a few updates, have remained largely unchanged!

REDWOOD HS

Over the last year, school stakeholders met to begin the redesign of the school program and school facilities to create the school our students need, want and deserve.

SEQUOIA HS

Sequoia students continue to impress:

- Special Education Independent Living Skills (ILS) students traveled participated in a Adaptive Physical Education (A.P.E.) kayaking trip on September 28.
- Fifty AVID students traveled to Stockton, Sacramento, and Chico on October 19-20 for campus tours and presentations at various colleges.
- Students **Yaritza Rodriguez** and **Dez Frazier** were the emcees for an dedication of the new Boys and Girls Club in Redwood City featuring Kevin Durant of the Golden State Warriors.
- The Sequoia **Dream Club** was awarded a Kent Award by the San Mateo Office of Education for their long-standing advocacy for undocumented students.

CA Secretary of State **Alex Padilla** visited Sequoia on September 26 to commemorate National Voter Registration Day. He addressed an audience of 600 Sequoia students in Carrington Hall.

TIDE ACADEMY

Over the summer, construction began on the TIDE Academy campus. While we are still in the very beginnings of construction, it is exciting to see the start of the process. The design of the building will provide innovative learning spaces that focus on student exploration of academic content and collaborative learning. To fully utilize new campus, the TIDE Academy team is seeking out innovation inspiration, visiting five schools so far throughout California. We have had many great takeaways from those programs that will be part of our instructional design.

WOODSIDE HS

Student leaders collected \$424 in Hurricane Harvey Recover Relief donations at a home football game.

Shout out to parent **Rebecca Ratcliff** who worked with our campus and SAMTRANS to start a new bus route #78 to serve students from the Emerald Hills neighborhood of Redwood City. With consistent daily ridership, the pilot route will become permanent and ease traffic.

Bilingual parent coordinator **Maricela Lopez** welcomed 13 Spanish speaking parents to the ten week Parent Project to improve communication with their teenagers.

WHS staff have the tradition of awarding three stuffed wildcats at the beginning of monthly staff meetings. For September, the cats were passed to campus aide **Rosie Zepeda** for her ever-present helpfulness, to English teachers **Lisa Camera**, **Tony Mueller**, **Marissa Potts**, and **Pilla Zargar** of last year's English senior thesis team, and to science teacher **Joe Ezrati** for managing the staff softball team.



Parent Education Series

CARLMONT HIGH SCHOOL (PAC)

Thursday, November 9, 2017, 7:00pm

ANGST: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety

Documentary Film + Panel Discussion

Register: <https://angst2017carlmount.eventbrite.com>

MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL (PAC)

Thursday, November 16, 2017, 7:00pm

Eduardo Briceño, **Mindset Works**

Growth Mindset Parenting: The Myths, the Meanings, the Approaches (M-A PAC)

Register: <https://mindsetworks2017ma.eventbrite.com>

YOUTUBE VIDEOS: Click [here](#) to watch videos from The Parent Education Mini-Series on "Safe and Healthy Teens."

The Parent Education Series events are sponsored by the Sequoia Healthcare District and the Sequoia Union High School District. Questions? Contact: **Charlene Margot, M.A., Founder & Director,** The Parent Education Series, cmargot@csm-consulting.net.

Serie de Educación para Padres

CARLMONT HIGH SCHOOL (PAC)

Jueves, 9 de noviembre 2017, 7:00pm

ANGUSTIA: Aumentar la consciencia sobre la ansiedad

Documental + Panel de Discusión

Registrarse: <https://angst2017carlmount.eventbrite.com>

MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL (PAC)

Jueves, 16 de noviembre, 2017, 7:00pm

Eduardo Briceño, **Mindset Works (la Mentalidad Funciona)**

Growth Mindset Parenting: The Myths, the Meanings, the Approaches (M-A PAC)

(Crianza con el Crecimiento de la Mentalidad: Los Mitos, los Significados, los Enfoque)

Registrarse: <https://mindsetworks2017ma.eventbrite.com>

VIDEOS YOUTUBE: haga clic [aquí](#) para ver videos de las miniseries de Educación para Padres sobre "Adolescentes seguros y saludables."

Los eventos de Serie de Educación para Padres son patrocinados por Sequoia Healthcare District, y Sequoia Union High School District. ¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con **Charlene Margot, M.A., Directora,** Serie de Educación para Padres, cmargot@csmconsulting.net



Helping Teachers and Staff Buy Homes

The cost of housing continues to rise so we're always looking for innovative ways to help our staff manage the high cost of housing.

One of these solutions is a down payment fund for staff, supported by an investment from the Chan

Zuckerberg Initiative. The benefit, managed by local Bay Area company Landed (landed.com), provides half of an educator's down payment **up to \$120,000 to help you buy a home in the Bay Area.** There are no monthly payments on the support, instead homebuyers share a portion of the future gain (or loss) in the value of their home when they sell or refinance.

This program now is available to all teachers and staff and available immediately, and can be used to buy a primary residence anywhere in the counties of San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Alameda, and Marin.

Landed has already helped three SUHSD educators and their

families buy homes, including Sequoia High School math teacher **Fidel Mora**, and his wife Carol, a teacher at Capuchino High School in neighboring SMUHSD.

Fidel and Carol made the move to San Francisco years ago and fell in love with the city. This summer, they knew they wanted to buy a home and lay down roots in a home with space for their family, including their miniature schnauzer Peets. But home prices were so high that it didn't seem possible.

Then, they heard about Landed and after learning more, they decided it would be a good fit.

On September 8, they bought a house in San Francisco with Landed down payment support, and made their dream a reality.

"It is wonderful knowing that we have a home we love in a city we love," Mora said. "Without Landed's down payment assistance, we probably would not have been able to purchase a home in San Francisco."

If you are interested in learning more about buying a home with Landed down payment support, please reach out to Landed at hi@landed.com.