



Dual Language Academy of the Monterey Peninsula

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DLAMP Families,

We want to share information regarding the status of the Dual Language Academy of the Monterey Peninsula. As you may know, DLAMP has operated as an dependent charter school of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District since 2014. Under this model, MPUSD partners with our school to provide oversight and support in areas such as personnel, facilities, and budget. MPUSD has gone above and beyond to provide ongoing support to DLAMP in these areas and many others.

Earlier this year, families shared with the School Governance Council their desire to evaluate the DLAMP model. The School Governance Council hosted various informational meetings open to our families and the public. The district presented information to help our community understand the key differences between an independent charter, dependent charter, magnet schools, as well as cost/benefits of each model. After careful consideration, the SGC voted for DLAMP to become a magnet school.

A magnet school is a public school with a specialized course of study and curricula. Becoming a K-8 dual immersion magnet school will not have a significant bearing on how DLAMP operates, as we will continue to have a say over the curriculum and instruction at our school with support from the school district. DLAMP will continue to follow the lottery protocol for student selection and will continue to benefit from the support of the district, including:

- Personnel issues and matters
- Budget and fiscal support
- Facilities, maintenance and operations
- Adopted curriculum, materials, and supplies
- Monterey Bay Teachers Association (MBTA) support
- California School Employees Association (CSEA) support

We look forward to the new year as we finish the school year strong, and begin to conduct school business as a magnet. As always, our focus remains on student learning and achievement, and working together with staff and families to ensure our children are prepared for high school, college and career.

If you have questions, you may direct them to me or the School Governance Council at our upcoming meeting on January 10, 2019 at 6:15 pm in the school cafeteria. Thank you for partnering with us to provide the best educational opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,

Rita Burks - *Principal*

William Nelson - *District Representative*
Alicia Estigoy - *Teacher Representative*
Mariel Levi - *Teacher Representative*
Jessica Fine-Garrett - *Parent Representative*
Christina Rocchi - *Parent Representative*
Ondine Gage - *Community Representative*
Sarah Behm - *Community Representative*
School Governance Council Members



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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding DLAMP's Transition to a Magnet School

Q: What are the benefits of DLAMP transitioning to a Magnet School?

A: A Magnet School is a public school with a specialized course of study. By transitioning to a Magnet School, DLAMP will be able to continue to focus on refining and improving the instructional program while receiving increased support with the operations of the school that would largely be the responsibility of the school's administration and leadership team as a dependent charter school. Increased areas of support include: budget, facilities, maintenance, transportation, curriculum and supply ordering, and personnel issues.

Q: Will DLAMP's transition to a Magnet School have any impact on the instructional program or curriculum?

A: No. DLAMP will continue as a K-8 Dual Immersion Program. As a Magnet School, DLAMP will continue with its Board approved curriculum and instructional approach. DLAMP's instructional leadership team will continue to meet to refine and improve the educational program at DLAMP.

Q: Will DLAMP's transition to a Magnet School have any impact on my child's enrollment at DLAMP?

A: No. All current DLAMP students will remain students at the magnet school. DLAMP will continue to be open to all students within the district who apply and will continue to use a lottery system to determine enrollment should applications exceed space available at any particular grade level.

Q: Will DLAMP's transition to a Magnet School increase combination classrooms (i.e. students from grades 2 and 3 together in one class)?

A: No. The district has made a commitment to limit combination classrooms across the district. Recognizing the unique instructional program at DLAMP, there will not be combination classrooms at the elementary level.

Q: As a Magnet School, will DLAMP elementary students have access to music instruction, field trips, and special assemblies like other MPUSD elementary schools?

A: Yes. As a Magnet School DLAMP will receive music instruction and will benefit from the Visual and Performing Arts partnerships that have been created over the past 5 years.



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Q: Will DLAMP continue to have a middle school program?

A: Yes. As a Magnet School, DLAMP will continue as a K-8 school and will work to reorganize and build back the middle school program which has decreased enrollment over the last two years.

Q: Will parents still have a say in the governance of DLAMP?

A: Yes. DLAMP parents can still serve on the School Site Council which, like the School Governance Council, is a body that provides leadership and decision making over the direction of the school.

Q: Who can I contact if I have more questions or concerns about this transition?

A: If you have questions or concerns, please contact Principal Burks at (831) 899-1100 or at rburks@mpusd.net. Additionally, you may attend the School Governance Council meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019.