

# 2018-19 : The year in review



- New turf field installed at Waller Stadium. Funded by MBX Foundation. Thank you, MBX!
- First year of receiving funds provided by Measure MB. Though it does not solve long term funding issues, it avoided 27 layoffs last year and there were no layoffs this spring. As required, the District established citizens' oversight committee for [Measure MB](#).



- More than 600 employees gathered for safety training. Teams from MBPD, MBFD, Children's Hospital L.A., Beach Cities Health District and American Heart Association trained us in all areas of physical and emotional safety. Employee response to the day was overwhelmingly positive.

- New Mustang Profile introduced. After getting feedback on how to present Costa and Costa students in an even better light, a team of counselors, administrators, and MBEF leaders helped to create a revised, clean, and concise snapshot of Mira Costa. [Take a look!](#)



- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MCHS Hall of Fame ceremony inducted four more outstanding alumni. The Mira Costa Hall of Fame began in 2012 and shines a light on some of our best and brightest. [You can see all of the inductees here.](#)



- MBUSD hosted national consortium conference for [Consortium 2031](#), a high-performing public school district leaders.

- Mira Costa lost beloved athletic trainer [Tim Cooper](#) to cancer. Tim served the Mira Costa community for almost 30 years, and his loss was felt by thousands.
- Laminated Emergency Procedure cards distributed to every classroom and office in MBUSD. This was one more step to improve safety practices across the District.





- Kim Holz, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from Robinson Elementary School, was selected as a [2019 California Teacher of the Year](#). She joins fellow MBUSD teachers Maggie Mabery as 2015 CA Teacher of the Year and Michael Hayden, 2014 CA Teacher of the Year. THREE MBUSD TEACHERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS THE STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR IN THE LAST 6 YEARS. **INCREDIBLE!**



- [Inclusion Pledge](#) posters distributed to every classroom in MBUSD. The purpose of this continues to be to remind students, teachers, and families of all we can do to create a more inclusive community.

- Dr. Matthews and board members presented on MBUSD's progress with Social and Emotional Learning at CSBA's Annual Education Conference in San Francisco, CA.

- Last game played at Mira Costa Fisher Gym; gym closed and demolished.



- Gym Groundbreaking ceremony took place at Mira Costa on February 15.



- District hosted workshop regarding Social Emotional Wellness and adopted the new Social Emotional Learning Visual Framework.

- Rose Ahrens appointed MBMS Principal after Kim Linz takes Chief Business Officer position at El Segundo Unified School District.

- Ellen Rosenberg and Christine Cronin-Hurst terms expired; Jen Fenton and Sally Peel sworn in as new Trustees.

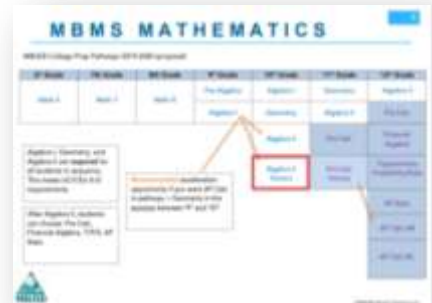


- [CHOICE](#) held its first commencement ceremony, graduating Anthony Holliday and Jeremy Zwickel from the program. Subsequent commencement ceremonies celebrated Larita Medina and Steven King!





- Districtwide lockdown drill, including active shooter training drill at Mira Costa involving MBPD, MBFD, and agencies from several surrounding communities. This was excellent safety training for MBUSD and for our local first responders.
- New perimeter security fencing at all MBUSD schools thanks to voter-approved Measure C bond funds and the City of Manhattan Beach.
- After months of subcommittee discussion, District presented [math pathway scenarios](#) to the Board for consideration in 2019-20. After three Board meetings, the Board adopted the new pathways.



- Board voted to implement Chromebooks at MBMS, beginning with 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, in 2019-20.
- Board met to discuss Indoor Air Quality Issues. Approved New Director of Operations Ed Jozefecick introduced to the Board, as well as two additional maintenance workers, and the Indoor Air Quality Committee. [For more information about the IAQC, please click here.](#) For additional information on mold and asbestos, including inspections, testing, and post-cleanup reports, click [here](#).
- Standing-Room-Only Kindergarten Information Day held at Pacific Elementary School. Record attendance.
- Mira Costa teams had an outstanding fall season!
  - MCHS Girls Soccer named Bay League Champions. They were the first Costa team to reach the Regional State Final.
  - MCHS Boys Soccer Bay League Champions
  - MCHS Girls Water Polo Bay League Champions
  - MCHS Cyber Security Club had nine teams compete this season. One team qualified at the platinum level for the state round and several qualified gold.
  - MCHS Girls Tennis won their first CIF Division 1 Tennis Championship in history
  - 18 Costa seniors signed NCAA letters of intent
  - MCHS Boys Water Polo shared the Bay League title and was runner-up in CIF-SS Division 2
  - Mustang Morning News won several awards at the National HS Journalist Convention in Chicago
  - MCHS Football advanced to 2<sup>nd</sup> round of CIF playoffs. They beat RUHS in Bay League Finale!
  - Costa Cheer team advanced to Semifinals in the National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando
- Julie Lythcott-Haims, author of “How to Raise an Adult,” spoke to packed house two nights at Mira Costa. [Dr. Matthews wrote about her influence back in April 2016 on his blog.](#)
- Three Mira Costa Orchestra ensembles earned a “Unanimous Superior” rating for both their concert program and sight reading. This is the highest possible rating.
- Mira Costa Drama/Tech took home awards in several categories at the Fullerton College High School Theatre Festival which took place Mar. 22nd-23rd.
- The [District and MBUTA signed an agreement](#) for 2016-17 through 2020-21.







- Students and Staff at Mira Costa wore denim on Denim Day to raise awareness for sexual assault and healthy relationships.



- MCHS Principal Ben Dale was named [ACSA Region XIV's Secondary Principal of the Year](#).
- MBUSD Elementary Honor Band earned a GOLD rating at the Forum Festival in Fullerton, CA.



- More than 70 students participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Manhattan Beach Math Contest at Joslyn Center. Teams from all five schools participated.
- Mira Costa and MBMS PTA's organized wildly popular Scholar Quiz events.
- Mira Costa hosted its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community S.T.E.M. Night with over 40 participating organizations.
- Four Manhattan Beach teams reached Odyssey of the Mind National Competition.



- Mira Costa teams continued to excel in the spring!
  - Baseball 2019 Bay League Champions
  - Boys Volleyball is Regional State Runner-Up; Ranked #2 in Nation
  - MCHS Orchestras earned Unanimous Superior ratings at the SCSBPA Festival.
  - Seven more Costa senior athletes signed their NCAA letters of intent
  - MCHS Boys Tennis clinched the Bay League Champion Title
  - MCHS Softball tied for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Bay League
  - Girls Beach Volleyball were State Champs (3<sup>rd</sup> in a row!), Conference Champs, Undefeated with 100 consecutive wins
  - MCHS Boys Golf Varsity and JV were Ocean League Champs
  - Costa Track athlete Dalia Frias was the only South Bay HS athlete to make it to State this year
  - Costa Diver Jacob Haim placed 10<sup>th</sup> in State Championships
  - Three Costa Wrestlers placed in CIF Championships
- Mira Costa Visual Arts presented their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual All Media Show.
- On June 3, the Board accepted a [\\$6.3M grant for 2019-20](#) from MBEF. THANK YOU, MBEF!



- MBEF hosted its [25<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Auction](#). This year's Paddle Raise - *The Math Challenge* - raised over \$200,000 to support Math programs in our District.