



Upcoming events:

- ◆ Mar 13 Governing Board Meeting
- ◆ Mar 16 BPJH Open House
- ◆ Mar 27 Governing Board Meeting
- ◆ Mar 27-31 Spring Recess

BPSD Students Overcome Adversity



Each year the Association of California School Administrator's (ACSA) Every

Student Succeeding Award honors students who have succeeded against all odds, beyond expectations or simply won the hearts of the administrators and other educators who helped them achieve their goals. At its meeting on February 27, the BPSD Governing Board recognized the following students from each BPSD school: Carlos Baldovinos-Beatty School, Nathaniel Soto-Corey School, Matthew Hernandez-Emery School, Bryan Mejia-Gilbert School, Jalen Johnlouis-Pendleton School, April Madriles-Whitaker School and Angel Baldovinos-Buena Park Junior High School. ACSA Region 17 sponsors a recognition breakfast to honor one student from each district in Orange County. Angel Baldovinos will represent Buena Park School District at ACSA's annual Every Student Succeeds celebration breakfast at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana.

Congratulations Jennifer Ferrara OC Top 25 Teacher



We are pleased to announce that Jennifer Ferrara, 6th grade teacher at Charles G. Emery School, has been chosen as one of OC Parenting Magazine's Top 25 teachers. As her principal Ms. Linnecke explains, not only does Ms. Ferrara give her best to her students, she gives her all to our entire school. As the Student Council Advisor, she works tirelessly to plan special events, create opportunities for students to learn life lessons, and to make Emery School an all-around special place. She embodies school spirit and wants nothing more than to improve children's lives.

BPSD Hosts Teacher NGSS Academy

The Next Generation Science Standards are here and BPSD is leading the way in assisting teachers to make this important shift to new standards for students. On Saturday, January 21st, over 50 teachers from Buena Park School District and several neighboring school districts gathered at Gordon H. Beatty Elementary School for a full day of science standards and resource discovery.



Attendees, representing grades K-12, spent the day diving into the NGSS and were able to leave with new knowledge and resources designed to improve their teaching and student achievement. It was an incredible day of learning and collaboration for all!

BPSD & Biola University's Literacy Lab a Success



Stephanie Williamson, BPSD Teacher on Special Assignment, Dr. June Hetzel, Dean of School and Dr. Carolyn Bishop, Director of Elementary Education from Biola University presented a report to the Governing Board regarding the Literacy Lab Partnership between BPSD and Biola University. BPSD and Biola University entered into this partnership in the Fall of 2016 placing 18 student teachers in 12 classrooms. The model of collaboration is based on the premise that established and consistent relationships, between the university and the school district, will allow for quality placements with highly qualified, effective district teachers and ensure that the Biola students positively impact school culture and student learning at respective school sites. Staff has worked to refine the partnership to establish protocol for teachers and Biola partners regarding student information, privacy protections and professional school practices; included assessment training as part of the program; and scheduled time to collaborate. Round 2 is scheduled to begin with the placement of more than 50 Biola candidates with 35 cooperating teachers from BPSD.

BPSD & SCE Partner for Saving Energy!!

Southern California Edison (SCE) developed the School Energy Efficiency Program (SEEP) to help reduce public and private school energy use. Through this program, BPSD applied for and received over \$470,000 in grant funds from this program at no cost to the District. Over the last few months, the funds were used to retrofit interior light fixtures and provide occupancy sensors in selected classrooms and offices district-wide after school hours and on weekends. These retrofits compliment our on-going modernization projects and are now complete. Energy savings from the SEEP program are projected save BPSD as much as \$100,000 annually.

New School Data Dashboards Coming

California is launching a new online tool to help communities across the state access information about their schools and school district. On March 15, 2017 the California Department of Education is expected to release to the public the California School Dashboard that will provide accountability tools and reports on multiple measures of school success, including: test scores, graduation rates, English learner progress, suspension rates and other local measures.

District staff is reviewing the data contained in initial reports provided by the CDE and will provide introductory information on this new State system to our parents, schools and our Governing Board during March. Find out more about the California School Dashboard at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/dashboard/>.

2017-18 Budget and LCAP Work Begins

At its January 23 meeting the Governing Board approved plans for preparation and development of the District's 2017-18 Budget and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Now in its third year, the LCAP documents the plan for District expenditures under specific goals and State requirements. Both the budget and the LCAP are prepared in parallel with each other beginning in February and ending with Governing Board review and adoption in June. As a part of LCAP/Budget development, this year the District will conduct a survey of parents, students and staff to receive input on our goal progress and student needs. Notification of the survey window will be forthcoming. In the meantime, you may review the District 2016-17 LCAP at: <http://www.bpsd.k12.ca.us/pdf/LCAPBPSD.pdf>

Next School Modernizations Approved

At its meeting on Monday February 27, 2017, the Governing Board approved a \$5.9 million contract with Scorpio Enterprises, Inc., for classroom modernization and upgrades of both Gilbert and Whitaker Schools. The District received eight bids for the work that will modernize 31 classrooms at Gilbert and 23 classrooms at Whitaker, in addition to providing security and technology improvements.

Construction is planned to begin immediately following the end of the current school year, and is expected to be substantially completed by August 1, 2017. With completion of these two schools, the District will have modernized five campuses in just three years and looks to complete the last two campuses, Corey and Beatty Schools, in 2018.

Board Highlights

MABEL L. PENDLETON SCHOOL REPORT

(02/27/17 Board Meeting)

Principal Love and Pendleton teachers' Breanna Bee, Rebecca Bergstrom, Karyn Eldridge, Shelley Michel, Keith Quijada and Jan Smith presented an Early Literacy report to the Governing Board. They shared DIEBELs and SBAC results for grades K-2, professional development and teacher support, curriculum, Writing Workshop, interventions and technology collaboration. Staff also discussed healthy body and mind activities for the students which include the 100 Mile Club, digital PE, restorative circles and counseling services. Pendleton School has expanded their partnership with the ELAC community, school site council, and PTA. Barbara Ioannou, PTA President, commented on the PTA's involvement and the various activities planned for students. Ms. Love also commented on the partnership with Jamboree Housing/Clark Commons and with the Tiger Woods Center.

APPROVAL OF THE 2014-15, 2015-16, AND 2016-17 CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION (CARS)

(02/14/17 Board Meeting)

Each year, school boards are required to approve the CARS for funding state and federal aid programs. The CARS winter data collection includes reporting on state and federal funding programs, certification that all state and federal rules and regulations will be observed, and the use of funds will be reviewed and audited according to the standards set forth by the California Department of Education. The report consists of Fiscal Year 2014-15 closeout reports, Fiscal Year 2015-16 carryover and expenditure reports, and Fiscal Year 2016-17 reports for Title I, II and II funds, district allocations, and site allocations.

2017-18 BPSD BUDGET ADEVELOPMENT PLAN PPROVED (01/23/17 Board Meeting)

The Governing Board approved staff's recommendation for the preliminary 2017-18 budget development plan, including budget assumptions and a calendar of activities. Mr. Kelvin Tsunezumi, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, provided the Governing Board with an overview of key revenue and expenditure assumptions, and timelines for the budget development process. In his presentation Mr. Tsunezumi highlighted key aspects of the Governor's 2017-18 California State Budget proposal, District priorities and staffing plans, as the basis for specific revenue and expenditure assumptions. The budget development process will run in parallel with the District's annual Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) update. Public hearings on both the proposed LCAP and district budget plan will be held on June 13, 2017, and final recommendations on both plans will be submitted to the Governing Board for approval on June 26, 2017.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARDS RELEASED (01/23/17 Board Meeting)

With the passage of Proposition 98 in 1998, all public schools in California are required annually to prepare School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) and disseminate them to the public. SARCs are intended to provide the public with important information about each public school and communicate a school's progress in achieving its goal. The Governing Board of each school district maintaining an elementary or secondary school is required on or before February 1 of each year to issue a School Accountability Report Card for each school in the district, publicize those reports, and notify parents or guardians that a hard copy will be provided upon request. Education Code Section 35256 further requires LEAs to provide the California Department of Education with an accurate link to the website address where the LEA's SARCs are posted.