

# The Connection

San Bruno Park School District

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## Superintendent's Corner

In case you have not seen our letter on the websites and site pages, we want to make sure you are aware of a recent federal court ruling requiring the California Department of Education (CDE) to release all general education and special education student data CDE has collected since January 1, 2008. This data includes personal information including, but not limited to names, addresses, social security numbers, disciplinary records and health and mental health records. **Parents, guardians and former students over the age of 18 have the right to object to the release of protected student personal information and records by notifying the court in writing by April 1, 2016.**

To object to the disclosure of student information and records:

1. [Download the Objection to Disclosure form](#)

2. **Mail the completed form, one for each student, to:**

United State District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller

c/o Clerk of the Court

Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse

501 I Street, Room 4-200

Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Document Filed Under Seal.

3. **Mail a copy to the California Department of Education at:**

California Department of Education



1430 N Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: State Superintendent Tom Torlakson,  
Morgan Hill Court Ruling.

**The deadline to submit objection forms is April 1, 2016. Do not fax or email the form, and do not phone or message – only hard-copy forms will be accepted.**

Please note that we are not involved in the lawsuit, nor are we the subject of any of the suit's allegations. In addition, we are not involved in this release of data, nor in the collection of the objection form. Also, be aware our district no longer collects student social security numbers and instead uses a state-issued unique student identification number.

As way of background, in April 2012, two organizations, the Morgan Hill Concerned Parents Association and the Concerned Parent Association, filed a lawsuit against the CDE alleging widespread, systemic non-compliance by local education agencies with special education laws. The suit also alleges CDE fails to monitor, investigate and correct such non-compliance in accordance with the law. CDE denies these allegations and is actively defending the litigation.

For more information regarding release of this data and how you can file an objection with the court to consider not releasing your data,

visit: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/ws/morganhillcase.asp>  
You may also contact the California Department of Education at [916-319-0800](tel:916-319-0800).

Don't forget to put Saturday, April 30, from 1:00-4:00 pm on your calendars! **Day of the Child**, hosted by our district, celebrates young children and the love of reading. Mayor Ruane and Supervisor Pine will be featured story tellers, there will be cultural performances, health screenings, face painting, and much more! Board members Jennifer Blanco and Kevin Martinez are organizing the event, and each site's PTA is sponsoring a booth for the afternoon, as well as our Education Foundation! It will be a great afternoon!

Our next Strategic Planning day will be March 9 at Skyline College. The 27 stakeholders that include teachers, classified personnel, board members, administrators, parents, students, and community members, will revisit our goals and check in on what we have accomplished toward them in the last six months. We will then add to our action plan and look at our Mission Statement to see if we want to revise it.

A piece of very exciting news is that the district is no longer in Qualified status! We are considered positive in our budget and with the county! We have our work cut out for us to remain so, but we are proud not to be deficit spending and we are determined to continue seeking ways to trim our budgets, create effective and efficient systems, and remain positive! A big thank you to the county for their support, the Board, Teachers, Classified staff, and our CBO for working so hard to make this happen!

**Lastly, I would like to remind you of the dates/times we have scheduled for chat times. The Chamber of Commerce graciously hosts monthly chats at the Entrepreneur Center on San Mateo Avenue.**

**Our upcoming dates include:**

Wednesday, 3/30 10:30-11:30

Wednesday, 4/13 10:30-11:30

Wednesday, 5/11 10:30-11:30

**Similar Informational nights and chat times for parents will be hosted at the district office from 6:00-7:00 on the following evenings:**

Thursday, March 17 6:00-7:00 pm

**“San Bruno Park School District educates and empowers all students to thrive academically, socially and emotionally to be contributing members of society.”**

**Thank you! Most Sincerely,**

*Cheryl Olson*

## ***From the Classroom***

San Bruno Park is embarking on a new English Language Arts and English Language Development Curriculum Adoption. A committee has been formed of teachers from each elementary school site, special education teachers, and English teachers from Parkside. A new English Language Arts/English Language Development Framework has been published by the State of California and is guiding our work as we sample and choose new curriculum for our students and teachers. The key instructional themes in this adoption include:

- Meaning Making
- Language Development
- Effective Expression
- Content Knowledge
- Foundational Skills

The key instructional themes in English Language Development include:

- Using English Purposefully
- Interacting in Meaningful Ways
- Understanding How English Works

The committee of teachers in charge of this important work has looked at our student achievement data; the new framework which gives guidance for selecting a curriculum that will support our students, and the available new materials. We will choose 2 publishers materials to pilot by the end of February. Once pilots have begun, the materials will be available to teachers and parents to view at the district office. The committee is planning on making a recommendation to Board in April or May for adoption of new Language Arts and English Language Development materials to be used starting 2016-2017.

We are excited about this opportunity to bring new curriculum to our students and will keep you apprised of our progress with this pilot as we proceed.

**Kim Harper, Director Curriculum and Instruction**





## ***Human Resources***

We want to congratulate another new baby born to one of our teachers! Rollingwood teacher, Lauren O'Connell, gave birth to Harper Rae O'Connell on February 7! This is the FOURTH baby born so far this year! We still two more to be born by the end of the year! We are very happy for the families and can't wait to meet the new little ones! It keeps us busy seeking quality substitutes to cover classes while the mamas are on maternity leave.



Congratulations also go to Jim Laughlin from our Maintenance Department. He is retiring after 15 years with the District. Best wishes!

Thank you, Jennifer Peponis & Cecille Mendiola



## ***Student Nutrition***

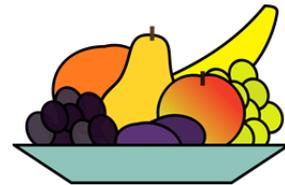
I am excited to announce that, in partnership with our produce vendor Freshpoint, we will launch in April a program aiming at encouraging students' consumption of fruits and vegetables. We will bring samples and educational material during lunch and have students discover new produce or a more appealing way of preparing them. Presentation and seasoning definitely make a difference in students' willingness to eat their fruits and veggies!

The proof is that students are fond of the Tajin we are now offering every day. Tajin is a Mexican seasoning consisting primarily of Chile peppers, lime, and salt. Students love it on apples, oranges, cucumbers and jicama! We will visit one school each month and April's theme will be "Eat the Rainbow". Stay tuned!

Our next monthly special lunches will celebrate St Patrick's Day on **March 17<sup>th</sup>** and the opening of the Baseball season on **April 14<sup>th</sup>**. We will also continue to offer new items in all schools. Check out our menus! You will find them in the Student Nutrition Services page on SBPSD website as well of other general and nutrition information, forms, and announcements.

### **SNS tips of the month: Plan for healthy snacks!**

- For easy access to healthy snack, cut up fruit and veggies and store in a see-through container in the refrigerator.
- Keep a bowl of whole fruit on the table, counter, or in the refrigerator.
- Eat whole or cut-up fruit rather than juice. The fiber in fruit will keep you full longer.
- Pack fruit and veggies for lunch or a snack. Items such as a tangerine, banana, grapes, or carrots sticks are quick and convenient. Add a few almonds that will provide healthy fats and Vitamin E.
- Limit your consumption of 'health bars' and fruit juices. Don't be fooled by the advertising – processed muesli, breakfast or energy bars and juices are typically high in salt, fat or sugar.



**Thank you, Fran DeBost, Student Nutrition Services**

## ***Tech as a Learning Tool***

From blended learning to computerized testing, digital and online technologies are reshaping the classroom experience for all students of the San Bruno Park School District. We have completed the initial implementation phase of our new student assessment system (Illuminate), and student demographic data and state assessment scores have been front loaded. The next phase will be professional development for staff, with the long term goal being to shape, refine and drive instructional practices to better serve students.

In 2015-16, for the first time, more state standardized tests for the elementary and middle grades will be administered via technology than by paper and pencil within SBPSD. Device preparation and professional development for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) is currently ongoing. All testing devices will be enabled with a

secure browser to meet state requirements and staffs are being trained on proper test administration protocol to ensure compliance.

Thanks to the crew at San Bruno Cable, the video feed for televised board meetings has been moved from the old Crestmoor site to Parkside allowing for convenience and larger capacity meetings. We appreciate their support and help and generosity very much.

Thank you,

**Don Hopkins, Network Manager**



## ***Dollars and Sense!***



There are many external factors that impact a school district's budget. Today I will address the Fair Share legislation and Local Control Funding Formula. Assuming student demographics remain consistent over the next eight years and the State is able to fund the target revenue by 2021, SBPSD Fair Share cost charged against SBPSD LCFF revenue will be decreasing. In 2013-14 it was \$1,520,109 and should be \$0.00 by 2021.

The Fair share legislation was initiated during the financial crisis as law makers demanded Basic Aid School Districts give up some of their excess local property taxes to help fund schools throughout the State. That is how "Rich" Local Property Tax schools paid and continue to pay their Fair Share of the economic crisis.

SBPSD will have lost over \$7 Million of revenue as a result of Fair Share legislation, but we can now begin to close that chapter in SBPSD financial history and conservatively forecast improved revenues that may help bring the operation back up to its full potential.

San Bruno Park Elementary (69013)					
LOCAL CONTROL FUNDING FOR	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Fair Share cost	\$452,867	\$239,422	\$130,866	\$122,818	\$80,805

### **Local Control Funding Formula**

The Local Control Funding Formula is different from the former annual funding model which was based on a

single year of economic performance and no long term commitment to the education. The Local Control Funding Formula, by words alone, offers a long term commitment to funding school districts. It also provides added funding in the Local Control Accountability Plan that allows the local community to work and develop its own programs. Assuming student demographics remain consistent with the 2015-16 fiscal year, (on paper only; not actual funding), our LCFF revenue may be funded as stated below.

LCFF Calculator Universal Assumptions					
San Bruno Park Elementary (69013)					
Summary of Funding					
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Target	\$ 22,328,446	\$ 22,058,551	\$ 22,558,701	\$ 23,155,695	\$ 23,784,783
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 19,847,710</b>	<b>\$ 20,773,455</b>	<b>\$ 21,582,883</b>	<b>\$ 21,679,620</b>	<b>\$ 22,399,792</b>

### **Economic Down Turn**

The Local Control Funding Formula is new. In the past, the State has never given a long term commitment to education funding and when there was economic stress it simply reduced education revenue. Recently the economy has been performing well, however, every few years economic weaknesses impact State tax receipts which in turn impact school funding. Although it is reassuring to see a published long term funding commitment for education from Sacramento, we must recognize that the State of California has never experienced eight straight years of economic prosperity. Therefore, we must be conservative and careful about how we spend.

Thank you,

**Sean McGinn, CBO**



