

San Bruno Park School District

Schools with Tomorrow Inside

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Report to the Community

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November 2018 Election **Important Dates**

The November 6th election is intended by San Mateo County Elections Office to be primarily vote-by-mail. There will not be the traditional neighborhood polling places, although there will be designated polling places in San Bruno. Voter handbook and elections information will be mailed the week of September 27th. Vote by Mail Ballots will be mailed to every voter the week of October 8th. Postage is prepaid or ballot can be dropped at one of the designated polling places. Election Day is November 6th. Last day to register to vote in this election is October 22nd.

Dear Members of the San Bruno Community:

We begin the new school year with energy and excitement around new initiatives and possibilities for remaining steadfast to the District's mission and vision that all students entrusted in our care will succeed.

The theme of this Report is *Giving and Supporting*. We highlight some of the community partnerships that continue to enhance programs and opportunities for our students in San Bruno Park School District to thrive and ultimately become contributing members of society.

The District's vision to transform into *Schools with Tomorrow Inside* is twofold: to create 21st century learning centers that are necessary for students to be successful in a global economy, and to raise academic achievement and engage students in programs and curriculum that inspire them now to be productive critical thinkers who embrace diversity, curiosity, and innovation throughout their lives.

In June, the Board of Trustees adopted a Resolution to place a facilities general obligation bond measure on the November ballot - Measure X. Information about Measure X may be found on pages 4,5. A dedicated team of parent and community volunteers has stepped up to educate the community about the measure: www.improvesanbrunoschools.com.

Also on the November ballot will be the names of four candidates seeking election to three seats on the District's Board of Trustees.

As the school year unfolds, I look forward to meeting and talking with many of you. Thank you for your interest in San Bruno Park School District.

Stella M. Kemp, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

The San Bruno Park School District will engage and inspire our students to be productive critical thinkers who embrace diversity, curiosity and innovation throughout their lives.

San Bruno Park School District

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New Principals for Belle Air and Portola Schools

In June, San Bruno Park School District Board of Trustees took action to appoint new principals to lead two of the District's elementary schools: Kerry Dees, who previously served at Parkside, will lead Belle Air Elementary School and Sheila M. Krotz, Ed.D. joins the District from South San Francisco Unified School District to lead Portola Elementary School. Each has experience, commitment and passion that will inspire excellence in teaching, building partnerships with parents, and students realizing their full potential for success.



Ms. Dees, who has extensive background in working with diverse populations of students, is a strong proponent of family engagement in the educational process. She is fluent in Spanish with undergraduate work in Latin American Studies. A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, she earned her Masters Degree in Educational Administration from San Francisco State University, advancing to principal positions in San Mateo County, including two years at Parkside Intermediate School.

Dr. Krotz received her Doctorate degree from San Diego State University with a focus on reforming teacher preparation for 21st century students. Her background complements the District's vision for *Schools with Tomorrow Inside* - creating centers for 21st century teaching learning. A former principal in Southern California before coming to South San Francisco to lead that District's Big Lift grant program, Dr. Krotz's teaching career in medical biology, anatomy and physiology included study at Harvard and Purdue Universities in summer specialty programs in microbiology and forensic science.



San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Grant - \$67,500



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Recommended by Dave Pine, President of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, the District will receive a \$67,500 grant to contract with Rhythm and Moves to provide K-3 physical education programs at Belle Air and Allen schools. This grant will continue the funding provided last year by the County for physical education programs at these schools. **This funding is made possible by Measure K, the County's half-cent general sales tax.**

The grant provides for physical education programming for K-3rd grades at these schools, which also supports teacher planning and prep time that otherwise would not be available to those teachers to support implementation of curricular and extracurricular transformation work. With Measure K grant funding last year, the District effectively engaged students in physical education in and out of the classroom. Students met and exceeded performance goals, especially with respect to motor skills and understanding the value of physical activity, providing evidence of the positive impact of the County Measure K grant on their lives.

Core Values

- The Whole Child
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Respect
- Ethical Behavior
- Innovation and Creativity
- Accountability

Three-Year Goals - 2015-2018

- Attract, develop and retain highly qualified staff.
- Implement 21st century learning strategies and methodologies to enable academic and personal success for all students.
- Become fiscally solvent.
- Engage and promote parents as partners with our schools.



Implementation of New Curricular and Instructional Initiatives

\$250,000 Grant from San Bruno Community Foundation to San Bruno Education Foundation

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In preparation for the careers of the future, students at **John Muir** and **Allen Elementary Schools** will integrate the disciplines of science, technology, engineering and mathematics into learning based on real-world applications. Using inquiry-based and problem-based learning aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), students will begin to develop the skills, mindset and interest to prepare them for the competitive careers of the 21st century.

The SOBRATO Organization Students at both **Allen** and **Belle Air Elementary Schools** will begin the first phase of implementation of the **Sobrato**

Early Academic Language (SEAL) model, which is designed to build the capacity of elementary schools to powerfully develop the language and literacy skills of students from kindergarten to the third grade, particularly English language learners. An instructional model, SEAL will provide significant professional development and coaching for Belle Air and Allen teachers.

At **Parkside Intermediate School**, the District will collaborate with **Partners in School Innovation**, a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization that works with school districts and teachers to narrow the achievement gap. Partners in School Innovation will support the transformation work at Parkside to focus on developing leadership and teacher capacity to insure all students are successfully prepared for high school and a 21st century society.

Funding to implement the SEAL and Partners in School Innovation is made possible by a \$250,000 strategic grant from San Bruno Community Foundation to San Bruno Education Foundation to support the District's mission and vision.

Music in the Air

Variety show format - a celebration of musical talent from our schools and our community-at-large
Special Guest Artist, Opera Singer - KEVIN THOMPSON - US and International Acclaim

**Saturday, November 3, 2018
 6-8 p.m.**

Admission FREE. No reserved seating. Doors open at 5 p.m.



Capuchino High School
 Samuel Johnson, Jr. Performing Arts Center
 1501 Magnolia Avenue, San Bruno



With a **\$495,000 grant from San Bruno Community Foundation to San Bruno Education Foundation and Capuchino Alumni Association**, music education is flourishing in our San Bruno schools for ALL grade levels. The formation of these partnerships is enabling a holistic funding approach to create a continuum of superior music education opportunities and to promote music as a hallmark of San Bruno schools that will be a source of pride and musical enjoyment for the San Bruno Community.

To ensure long-term success of our music programs, we are collaborating to create a plan for sustainability that will bring all sectors of our community together - civic, business, corporate, philanthropic, seniors, educators, parents and neighbors - around celebrating our students making music together. For more information: info@sanbrunoedfound.org.

Presenting Sponsor  **YouTube**

Music in the Air is a collaboration between San Bruno Community Foundation, San Bruno Education Foundation, Capuchino Alumni Association, San Bruno Park School District and San Mateo Union High School District





Schools with Tomorrow Inside

Measure X Facilities Bond on November Ballot - Background

For the past year, in a comprehensive effort to improve student achievement for San Bruno children, San Bruno Park School District staff and community members have evaluated existing educational programs and facilities. The Board of Trustees recommended a comprehensive phased plan to improve aging San Bruno schools, which are between 50-76 years old. Many school facilities are old and ill equipped to sustain 21st century learning. Specific recommendations are to:

- Modernize/repair/upgrade aging classrooms and school facilities including deteriorating roofs, plumbing, and electrical systems
- Improve access to school facilities for students with disabilities; and
- Provide classrooms, labs and technology needed to support high quality instruction in math, science, engineering and technology

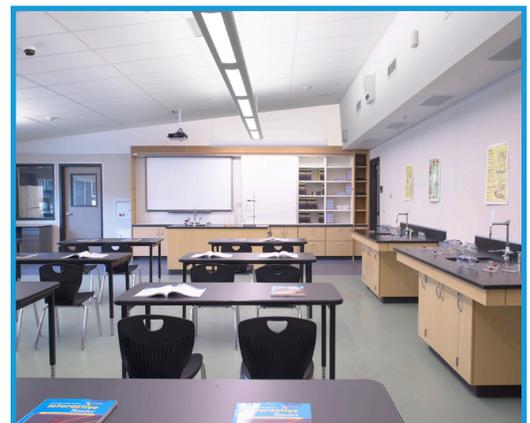
Recognizing that all of the work could not be accomplished at once, a master plan was developed to improve and upgrade San Bruno schools in a phased approach that focuses on the most critical needs first. This phased transformation began in the Fall of 2017:

- DONE** • PHASE 1: Evaluation of schools that included extensive community involvement; e.g, Facilities Advisory Committee, Saturday tour of schools, several Board study sessions
- DONE** • PHASE 2: Identify the most critical needs; e.g., removing asbestos, bad electrical wiring, and improving ADA safety standards
- DONE** • PHASE 3: Identifying funding sources to reduce burden on taxpayers.
- IN** • PHASE 4: Sell surplus property - based on recommendations of the 7-11 school community committee and Board action to declare sites as surplus
- PROGRESS** • PHASE 5: Determine willingness of community to pass a General Obligation Bond to improve schools
- IN** • PHASE 6: Voter approval of a bond measure to deal with the most critical needs and apply for state funding
- PROGRESS** • PHASE 7: Continue to sell district surplus property
- PHASE 8: Disperse proceeds to renovate, repair, and replace inadequate facilities; Deal with most critical school needs first and projects that will impact most students first



Yesterday/today's science classrooms

- Our Schools**
- Allen Elementary (1941)
 - Belle Air Elementary (1952)
 - John Muir Elementary (1960)
 - Parkside Intermediate (1954)
 - Portola Elementary (1965)
 - Rollingwood Elementary (1958)



Schools with Tomorrow Inside science classrooms

Additional Information on Measure X

www.improvesanbrunoschools.com

What is Measure X?

Measure X is a bond measure on the November 6, 2018 ballot to fund critical facility upgrades and improvements for San Bruno Park Schools to better prepare San Bruno children for the workplace of the future.

Why is Measure X needed?

The last time San Bruno voters passed a school bond measure was in 1998, twenty years ago. The bond paid for the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of schools that were needed at that time. Our schools are now 50-76 years old. Many are at the end of their useful life to sustain 21st century learning. Measure X will provide the critical funding needed to support educational needs to prepare students to succeed in the work place of the future.

How much will Measure X cost?

Measure X will cost San Bruno homeowners about \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (not property value).

What projects will Measure X funds support?

Measure X will help:

- Repair or replace leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing, and faulty electrical systems where needed;
- Upgrade classrooms, libraries, and science labs, to keep pace with technology;
- Improve campus security systems, including lighting, emergency communications systems, fire alarms, and sprinklers;
- Improve access to school facilities for students with disabilities;
- Install heating and ventilation systems at each school; and
- Replace aging portable classrooms that are expensive to repair and maintain

How will my neighborhood school benefit?

The school district conducted a comprehensive facility assessment for each school. The Project Lists are available on the San Bruno Park School District website or by calling the school district at 650-624-3100.

Why can't the city help pay for schools?

The School District and the city are two separate agencies. Each has its own elected governing body. The city does work collaboratively with the school district to provide assistance with programming in recreation and library services. The San Bruno Community Foundation was created by the city to manage the \$70 million

restitution settlement from PG&E, which is funding a new recreation/ aquatic center for San Bruno and many grants, among which support student programs in our schools.

What will happen if Measure X does not pass?

Delaying facility improvements will only increase future costs. Without funding from Measure X, the district will not be able to renovate schools or obtain available state matching funds.

How will Measure X benefit those who don't have children in schools?

Quality schools help improve neighborhoods. The resale value of homes in our community is directly affected by the quality of our schools. Good schools help increase property values and attracts businesses to San Bruno.

How can we be sure Measure X money will be spent properly?

Measure X requires a clear system of accountability, including a Citizens' Oversight Committee, and independent audits to ensure the money is spent properly - all money will be used to benefit San Bruno children and no money is for administrators.

Who will be on the oversight committee?

The oversight committee will be selected after the bond passes. Parents, business leaders, senior citizens and community groups will all be represented. Anyone interested in serving on the committee is invited to advise the Board through the superintendent.

Who gets to vote on Measure X?

All registered voters who reside within the San Bruno Park School District are eligible to vote on the facility bond measure. To pass, the facility bond measure must receive support from 55% of the registered voters who vote in the November 6, 2018 Election.

What important dates should I remember?

The voter handbook and election information are mailed the week of September 27. Vote By Mail Ballots are mailed to every voter the week of October 8. Election Day is November 6, 2018. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 22.

"Student learning and, specifically setting the right tone for learning, begins the moment a student enters the school building." - Anonymous



Grant Funding Enhanced Summer Programs

Over the summer months, the District offered a variety of programs designed to give students a jump-start on the new school year. Following are highlights.

ALearn is a college readiness program that supports math acceleration for rising 6-8th graders to better prepare them for high school and postsecondary education. Over one hundred students completed the summer program. Preparing for success in college is especially challenging for students from low-income families and those who will be the first in their families to attend college. ALearn helps these students get ahead and overcome obstacles to their education, thus closing the achievement gap. **The Danford Foundation** provided a **\$25,000 grant** and **the Silicon Valley Education Foundation**, a **\$30,000 grant** to fund this summer program.

Extended school year provided an opportunity for students with special needs to stay engaged with school during the summer as a bridge to success in the new school year.

When I grow up I want to be... To date, San Bruno Park School District has received over **one million dollars in funding from The Big Lift** to promote early literacy. Stimulating young minds at an early age to think about the possibilities their futures hold when they focus on reading and coming to school was the focus of San Bruno Park School District's second Big Lift Inspiring Summers Program held on the Belle Air Elementary School campus in July. This year's summer program for rising Kindergarten through rising second grade, enrolled 100 students who participated tuition free (for low income families). The full day program concentrated on academics and hands on learning.

The theme of "When I Grow Up, I Want to Be..." carried through the four weeks with a variety of guest professionals from the community, a number of whom are District parents, spending their time during the daily Community Breakfasts talking with the children and their parents about their respective

professions and what it takes to get there. Careers represented were: astronomy, veterinary medicine, law, scientific research, fire and police, accounting, and science, technology and math. **Pictured with Big Lift students is Mariah Gravem, a veterinary technician and District parent.**



In addition, a health/resource fair was organized on one of the days to acquaint families with a myriad of services available to them. The event also brought in members of the community.

Last year, The Big Lift Inspiring Summers program adopted San Bruno Police Department as it's community service focus, teaching the children at a young age to appreciate the myriad of services the police provide for our city. In addition to the Chief and officers spending time with the children during Inspiring Summers, the police department opened its doors, as it did last summer, to the children for a memorable field trip.

The Big Lift grant program was established by community leaders and agencies in San Mateo County to provide early education funding for children who are from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Over \$27 million has been raised for The Big Lift. San Bruno Park School District is one of only a few districts in the County to receive grant funding.

Congratulations to Inspiring Summers Site Manager **Kerry Dees** (newly appointed Principal of Belle Air), **Pauahi McGinn**, District Director of Early Childhood Education, the team of teachers, interns and program assistants, and **Marie Lukehart**, Health and Wellness Coordinator, who made Inspiring Summers 2018 a wonderful success.



Fiscal Health of the District

***"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."* Benjamin Franklin**

Since the Board's adoption of a Fiscal Recovery Plan in early 2017, recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee (comprised of District and community representatives), the District realized in the 2017-2018 year a positive fund balance. Transferring to becoming a Basic Aid district, we have moved out of negative certification and are building a healthy reserve to prepare the District for future economic uncertainties. Administration has acted prudently to strengthen the District's fiscal health, implementing new systems of monitoring every expenditure to ensure each is aligned with the District's mission and vision which are reflected in LCAP goals and which support the District's Strategic Plan, designed by district and community stakeholders.

Successful Salary Negotiations with Teachers Following a salary increase in 2017-2018 of 1.5%, the District recently concluded successful negotiations with the teachers resulting in a 3% increase in salary for 2018-2019 and another 2% in 2019-2020. Our Strategic Plan goal to attract and retain highly qualified teachers and staff is ever present in all conversations related to moving the District forward including providing them with safe and modern working conditions. The District has redesigned marketing materials that are used at job fairs to attract new teachers to the District resulting in our beginning the school year with minimal vacancies.



Community Difference Makers 2017-2018



Giving & Supporting

All of us - teachers, staff, parents, business, non-profit, service clubs, City, and our community-at-large, working together, truly make a difference in the lives of our students to shape their futures. Each year we recognize organizations and/or individuals whose spirit of giving and supporting San Bruno Park School District enriches the educational experience of the children we serve. Recipients honored for the 2017-2018 school year are:

San Bruno Police and San Bruno Fire Departments

San Bruno Police Department supports the District with a School Resource Officer who not only is engaged with our students during the day, but attends school functions and community events. The Adopt San Bruno Police Department partnership initiated by the District Big Lift program last year continues at the three preschool sites, with officers reading to the students on a regular basis. During Inspiring Summers, the Chief and staff not only visited the program regularly, they hosted a memorable field trip to the station for the young students.

San Bruno Fire Department supports the District also with firefighters reading to the students, the Big Lift Touch a Truck activity, and an all day Saturday Firefighter for a Day workshop for fifth grade students at the fire house complete with hands on activities and a BBQ prepared by the firefighters. Both the Police Officers and Fire Fighters Associations participate in Children's Day and donate to support Teachers Cash for Class. **Pictured left to right: Chief Dave Cresta and Captain Nick Olivera (Fire); Officer Scott Rogge and Chief Ed Barberini (Police).**



The San Bruno Community Foundation

SBCF has awarded community grants to agencies that are benefiting our students including CPR training. Notably, the Foundation awarded a \$495,000 grant to San Bruno Education Foundation and Capuchino Alumni Association to provide for instruments at Parkside, new band uniforms at Capuchino, and music education for every K-5th grade student in the District. Most recently, San Bruno Community Foundation approved \$250,000 in funding to support District transformation initiatives (See p.3).

San Bruno Education Foundation

For over ten years, SBEF has been fundraising to underwrite programs in the District; e.g., sponsoring the Reading Counts Summer Program; has provided aides in Kindergarten classrooms; sponsors after school music for 4th and 5th graders; funds a summer music camp; paid for the Attendance Matters banners at the schools; and helps with PBIS at Parkside; and much more.

The Capuchino High School Alumni Association

CHSAA works closely with the Education Foundation to promote music grades Kindergarten-high school such that when students leave SBPSD, they are well prepared to move into the Capuchino music program.



Left to right: Judy Puccini (CHSAA), Dr. Bryan Vander Lugt (SBEF and District parent), Emily Roberts (SBCF and District Parent).

School Consolidation Team Leaders

Consolidation of El Crystal school to Allen and John Muir schools was successfully accomplished due in no small measure to four team leaders (parents and District alumni) who were dedicated to a seamless transition for students, teachers and parents. **Erica Woliczko, Sonia Rutherford, Anahi Garcia** and **Raul Gomez** volunteered over several months to plan activities and share traditions that would comfortably unite the three schools into two, leading to a successful opening of the school year. These leaders made a choice to embrace future change and work towards unity. In so doing, they modeled the way for others to follow when confronted with change.



Left to right: Erica Woliczko (El Crystal/John Muir PTA's); Raul Gomez (District alum and parent of former District students); Anahi Garcia (Allen PTA); Sonia Rutherford (John Muir PTA).

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A New School Year Begins



Report to the Community