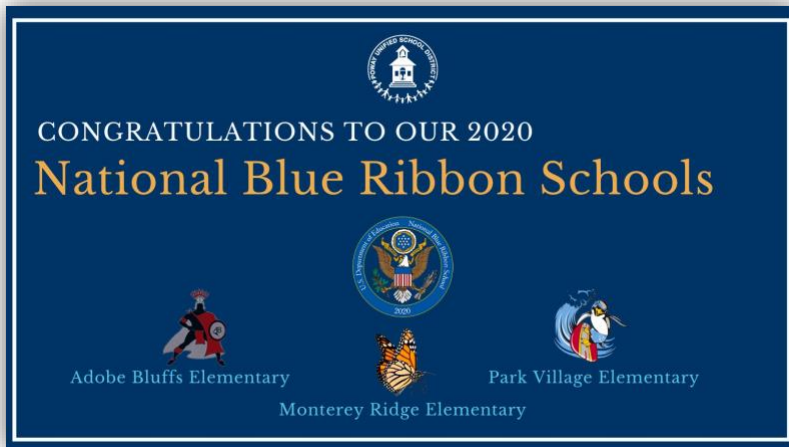


Bard Briefs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE **SEPTEMBER 24, 2020** BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board Agenda for the September 24, 2020 Board of Education Meeting can be found here: <https://powayusd.com/PUSD/media/Board-Images/BoardAgendas/2020/09-24-2020-Board-Agenda.pdf>

► All agenda items were approved



► Superintendent and Board Recognition

The Superintendent and Board recognized student and staff accomplishments at school sites and the District, including:
The three PUSD Schools named “National Blue Ribbon Schools

- Adobe Bluffs Elementary School
 - Monterey Ridge Elementary School
 - Park Village Elementary School
- Read more about the announcement [here](#).

► Student Board Representatives

For the first time since the March emergency closures in response to COVID-19, the Board heard student representative reports from students at Del Norte and Mt. Carmel High Schools.

- **Jose Torres** (Del Norte High School): virtual college tours underway, transcripts and college application packets are available for pickup, ASB running “beta” test with a few days on campus next week, LINK crew hosting freshman orientation this week, students are socially aware on social media, such as encouraging students to register to vote, getting ready for first virtual club rush in October, students, teachers, and admin formed equity task force, provided student panel for staff meeting, creating resources for students struggling with mental health
- **Madison Migliori** (Mt. Carmel High School): Madison spoke about distributing free “red-out” shirts to every student, keeping the Red Sea tradition alive online; ASB and staff made registration extra special for freshman, over 50 staff and 100 LINK crew members conducted orientation via Zoom; clubs have been reaching out to students; peer counselors hosting Start with Hello week; club rush coming up; students and staff pushing boundaries to keep the Sundevil experience alive online

► Public Comments

The Board heard comments regarding:

- Concern over Costco lease plans for surplus property in Black Mountain Ranch ([FAQs here](#))
- Continued efforts to address racial equity across PUSD
- In favor or against reopening campuses for in-person learning
- New VAPA virtual field trips offered via PowayOnStage.org

► Presentation: Approval of the Updated 2020-21 Poway Unified School District Reopening Plan

- Tonight, staff presented the Board with updates related to the PUSD 2020-21 Reopening Plan:

- All elementary and secondary school sites have now opened for small groups of in-person instruction such as preschools, small group instruction, impact groups, special education groups, and counseling groups.
- The Board approved moving forward with the full reopening of PUSD Elementary schools, with 10 schools on Thursday, October 1 and 16 schools on Monday, October 12 following an AM/PM model.
- Staff and District nurses presented updates on health and safety procedures and COVID-19 notification protocols in place for on-campus learning.
- WATCH the elementary reopening video to see what the student experience will be like when they return => <https://youtu.be/H3iFpgJgyeU>
- The Board reached consensus around allowing secondary schools to pursue flexible learning models, customized to each site, due to the complexities in accommodating middle and high school schedules.

► **Presentation: Updated Special Education Reopening Plan**

- At the September 10, 2020 meeting, the PUSD Board of Education authorized students and staff to return for on campus, in-person instruction any time after September 24, 2020. Tonight, staff provided the Board with an update related to the Special Education Reopening effort for students with disabilities:
 - Assessments resumed late August, related services in early September, instructional aide support resumed mid-September, and on campus, in-person instruction is happening now
 - Staff reviewed the on campus, in-person ASD, NSH, Pre-K, PAL, BASES classes returning in September and October



► **Presentation: Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) 2020 Administrator of the Year Awards**

- The following PUSD staff were named “Administrators of the Year” for Region 18 of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). Region 18 includes San Diego and Imperial Counties. This program aims to highlight school leaders whose achievements in and dedication to K12 public education contribute to the overall success of students:
 - **Scott Corso**, Principal (Black Mountain Middle School) – “Middle Grades Principal of the Year”
 - **Dr. Jennifer Burks**, Associate Superintendent (Technology and Innovation) – “ Technology Administrator of the Year”

► **Consent Calendar Approved, Including:**

- **Participation Agreement with the San Diego County Office of Education for Career Technical Education (CTE)**
- **“Character Counts! And Red Ribbon Week” (October 23-30, 2020)**
- **“Dyslexia Awareness Month October 2020”**

► **Presentation: Del Norte High School Expansion Project**

- The Board approved the proposed project scope and authorized negotiation for design services of the Del Norte High School Expansion Project, identified in the District’s Long-Range Facilities Master Plan to support enrollment growth and support physical education programs:
 - Six classrooms (three science labs, three standard)
 - 125,000 square foot practice field with synthetic turf
 - restroom building
 - Baker-Nowicki Design Studio was selected to provide architectural services related to the development of these projects.
 - The Board authorized a request

► **Approval of PUSD’s Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for 2020-21**

- Senate Bill (SB) 98 requires a Learning Continuity Plan (LCP) to include specified information about the instruction and support a Local Educational Agency (LEA) will provide to pupils in the 2020-21 school year, as a result of the uncertainty caused by COVID-19 and potential school closures.
- Tonight, the Board of Education approved the LCP. It can be viewed [here](#).

► **Classroom of the Future Foundation’s Achieve Award**

- Pomerado Elementary School’s Launch Lab was awarded an Honorable Mention for the Classroom of the Future Foundation’s Achieve Award. The Innovation in Education Awards highlight champions of education innovation in the community and programs that get students excited about learning. The Launch Lab is being recognized for providing TK-5 students with opportunities that connect their learning to career exploration and experiences through multimedia, computer science/coding, engineering, and social media production.



Future meetings:

Thursday, October 15, 2020

The following dates are the remaining board meetings for 2020:

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Thursday, December 17, 2020

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