

**January 27, 2022**

**Golden Spotlight:**

Tonight we are recognizing our district's quality athletic programs and our amazing student athletes.

Our Mustang's girls' Cross Country Team survived their season undefeated throughout 2021.

In addition, the Vasquez High School boys' Varsity Basketball held its first annual Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament over Winter Break.

Dr. Murphy would you mind coming up to the podium to recognize the Vasquez athletes at this time for the Golden Spotlight? I would also like to invite to the podium a special guest- Mr. Carlo Basail, Field Representative from Office of Assemblyman Lackey to recognize the Vasquez High School Girls Cross Country team.

In addition, our HDS Boys Cross Country placed 1st in the Silver League! Our High Desert Girls team had placed 1st in 2019 and 2020, but this is our first 1st place win for the boy's team.

Ms. Van Ornum would you mind coming up to the podium to recognize our High Desert athletes at this time for the Golden Spotlight along with Mr. Basail.

**Superintendent report for January 27, 2022:**

This evening I will be covering the following strategic initiatives: Effective Instruction and Leadership and Community Engagement.

**Effective Instruction and Leadership:**

Thank you to our Meadowlark school site staff, teachers, parents, and students for your input with the Meadowlark Principal Stakeholder Input Survey. The survey responses helped us build the profile and characteristics to support the recruitment of the ideal candidate for Meadowlark.

Per the survey results, the top five leadership qualities that the principal of

I took the top themes that were consistent within the groups surveyed:

- Involvement with all school functions
- Increased communication
- Best fit regardless of experience
- "Open door" policy"
- Prior elementary/ administrative/ leadership experience
- Consensus builder
- Articulate and communicative
- Trustworthy and compassionate
- Collaborative
- Transformative
- Proactive
- Instructional leader
- Sets high standards for self and others
- High expectations

The top three Priorities as surveyed include:

- School and student safety
- Staff morale
- Enhanced learning opportunities for all students.

At this point we have reviewed candidate applications, and Ms. Shaw, Assistant Superintendent will be setting up and conducting interviews to identify the best fit for Meadowlark as well as for our district as a whole. I am truly confident that together, working as a team of students, parents, teachers, staff and administration we can build on the strong foundation that is Meadowlark Elementary.

Also, I'd like to publicly thank Ms. Nicole Chun, Teacher in Charge at Meadowlark. Nicole has been visiting classrooms frequently, working together

with teachers to support learning opportunities for our students and getting to know students and parents. Thank you, Nicole.

### **Community Engagement:**

Our newly formed Shadow Day Collaborative works in unison with all three schools to provide opportunities for current and prospective parents and students to experience AADUSD programs and curriculum.

During a Shadow Day experience, students and parents will engage in activities, meet other students, and get to know staff.

The Shadow Day Collaborative participants have been meeting since November. I'd like to thank the Participants which is comprised of parents, staff, teachers, community members. Thank you for your time, input, and diligence.

We are kicking off the first Shadow day event on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The flyer on your screen includes an itinerary for the event.

On Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be inviting our High Desert Hawks Soccer Teams and their families to the Vasquez High School Boys' Soccer Team and Vasquez senior night. The Hawks will be taking a team phot with the VHS Boys soccer team at 3 pm. We will also be offering up an outdoor tour of the VHS campus to High Desert families, and the Hawks will be cheering on the VHS Mustangs as they take on Village Christian at 4 pm. We are thrilled and excited to be providing opportunities to build and enhance relationships across our wonderful schools.

We look forward to sharing the January 31<sup>st</sup> photos with you all at our next board meeting, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

This concludes my report for the evening, thank you.

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### **COVID Report:**

- I'd like to provide an up to date COVID report, data pulled from LACDPH. 18,822 new cases as reported to LACDPH as of January 25<sup>th</sup> as compared to 43,582 new cases for January 10<sup>th</sup> as reported at our last board meeting. A significant surge since our last board meeting, approximately a month ago.

The testing positivity rate, a 7-day average for the week of January 18th is at 16.61% as compared to the week of January 3rd which came in at 22.64%.

I'd like to stress that our district's positivity rate hovers near 27% down from 29% during the week of January 4th.

Once again, I would like to remind our families, the importance of a self-check at home prior to students arriving on campus. Please look for symptoms such as a cough, fever, and shortness of breath.

Also, we have moved forward with a purchase order of an additional 2,500 antigen test kits that will be made available to our families very soon once we receive shipment.

Thank you, this concludes the COVID report.