



BoardBriefs

INFORMATION FROM THE FEBRUARY 13, 2025, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNITION

DECEMBER EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



Joe Veazey



Yesy Reyes



Doug Graham



Brienne Sapienza



Ryan Maddox

Our amazing January Employees of the Month were recognized at the Board meeting. These outstanding individuals were honored for their dedication and contributions to our schools, making a lasting impact on our students and community. Their hard work and commitment exemplify the values and mission of the district, inspiring excellence in education. We are proud to celebrate these exceptional team members who go above and beyond to support student success and foster a thriving school environment.

DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS



At the Board of Education meeting, the Board proudly recognized the outstanding Dual Language Immersion programs at Manzanita Elementary School and Las Palmas Middle School for their Spanish programs, as well as Mesa Elementary School for its Mandarin program. These programs provide students with invaluable bilingual and biliteracy skills, fostering cultural appreciation and academic excellence. To celebrate the success of these programs, the Board was treated to vibrant performances by the elementary and middle school Mariachi Bands, showcasing the rich traditions of Mexican music, and a delightful presentation by Mesa Elementary's Mandarin second-grade class, highlighting their impressive language skills.

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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Districtwide Marquee Replacement Project

At the Board of Education meeting, the District awarded a contract to Front Signs for the districtwide electronic marquee replacement project. This project will enhance communication and visibility at District Field, Covina High School, Northview High School, South Hills High School, and Las Palmas Middle School with upgraded, modern electronic marquees. These new displays will provide clear, real-time updates to students, families, and the community, further supporting the district's commitment to effective communication and engagement.

Jobs for America Memorandum of Understanding

At the Board of Education meeting, the Board approved the Jobs of America Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), creating exciting new paid opportunities for students at Covina High School, Northview High School, and South Hills High School. Through this partnership, students will have access to personal and professional enrichment classes, career readiness programs, and onsite job training, equipping them with valuable skills and real-world experience to support their future success. This initiative reflects the district's commitment to expanding career pathways and preparing students for life beyond the classroom.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

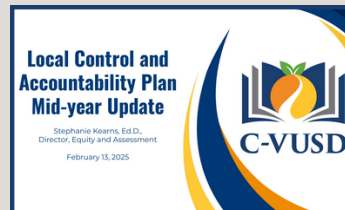
The Board of Education proudly recognized Bodylock.org for its extraordinary contributions to wrestling. Since March 2024, Bodylock.org has provided over \$65,000 in training opportunities, competition access, scholarships, and essential gear to support student-athletes. Their generosity funded elite camps, coaching development, and national tournament participation, helping wrestlers excel both on and off the mat. Their commitment to expanding and removing financial barriers made a lasting impact on our students and programs. The Board of Education sincerely thanked Bodylock.org for its unwavering support and dedication to the future of wrestling in our community.



PRESENTATION

Local Control Accountability Plan Mid-Year Report

At the recent Board of Education meeting, Dr. Stephanie Kearns, Director of Equity, Assessment, and Evaluator of Programs, presented the annual mid-year update on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Dr. Kearns provided a comprehensive overview of the district's progress toward key LCAP goals, highlighting achievements, ongoing initiatives, and areas for growth. She also engaged the Board in a collaborative discussion, seeking their feedback to ensure continued alignment with the District's strategic priorities and the needs of students, families, and staff.



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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Simon Wright congratulated South Hills High School Cheer for their CIF Championship win against tough competition, recognizing the hard work and dedication of the athletes and coaches. He shared a personal note on how cheerleading has profoundly impacted his daughter over the past four years, shaping her growth and confidence. He also congratulated all winter sports teams competing in CIF, highlighting Northview Wrestling's impressive 21 league champions. Mr. Wright expressed gratitude to Bodylock.org and the many alumni and community members who generously give back to Covina-Valley schools, emphasizing that their support is a cornerstone of the community and enhances the district's outstanding culture. He also shared his recent visit to Barranca Elementary, where he was impressed by the incredible work happening on campus. He was especially amazed by Barranca's Speech-Language Pathologist, Evelyn Petitt, who used a Thinking Map to explain an IEP, showcasing innovation and dedication to student success. He wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

[Click here to hear Mr. Wright's comments starting at 1:28:15](#)

Maria M. Caceres gave a special shout-out to Gianna, the Student Board Member from Covina High School, for her outstanding representation of Covina-Valley Unified at the Action Summit 25. She recognized Gianna's dedication and contributions to the District and expressed her hope that she could showcase some of the Covina High feeder track schools in the future. Ms. Caceres thanked the Educational Services team for their informative LCAP mid-year report and acknowledged their hard work and commitment to supporting students and schools throughout the District.

[Click here to hear Ms. Caceres' comments starting at 1:27:35](#)

Dr. Maria E. Cruz wished everyone a Happy Valentine's!

[Click here to hear Dr. Cruz's comments starting at 1:26:48](#)

Sue Maulucci expressed gratitude to Isabelle and Denise for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and sharing the wonderful things happening at their schools. She congratulated the Employees of the Month, recognizing their hard work and dedication. A special congratulations was given to Dr. Eminhizer on her prestigious award, celebrating her outstanding leadership. Mrs. Maulucci also extended her appreciation to Bodylock.org for their generous contributions to student-athletes, the Manzanita and Las Palmas Mariachi Bands, and Mesa Elementary's second-grade students for their impressive performances. To close the evening, she wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day, celebrating the spirit of community and appreciation across the District.

[Click here to hear Mrs. Maulucci's comments starting at 1:26:48](#)

Karyme Gonzalez expressed her appreciation for the talented student performers, recognizing their hard work and dedication. She also shared her excitement for the newly renovated South Hills High School library, praising it as a fantastic space for students. Ms. Gonzalez congratulated South Hills Cheer on their CIF Championship and applauded the Business Pathway students for competing in Bakersfield, as well as the Medical Pathway students who are preparing for upcoming CTE competitions. She also noted the growing interest in starting a Boys' Volleyball program and highlighted the success of the Winter Formal, which was a wonderful event for students. Looking ahead, Ms. Gonzalez invited the community to Light Up the Night at South Hills High School on February 27th and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming theater performances on March 27, 28, and 29. She closed by wishing everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

[Click here to hear Ms. Gonzalez' comments starting at 1:31:30](#)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



Isabelle Toenniessen



Denise Crespi-Munoz

Isabelle Toenniessen from Manzanita Elementary School and Denise Crespi-Munoz from Merwin Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance and shared insights from their experiences at their respective schools. Their heartfelt messages inspired both students and staff, fostering a sense of pride within the community.

THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING IS ON MARCH 13, 2025

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