

# Annual Report

## 2019-2020 School Year

### Vision

Unrelenting pursuit of the extraordinary school experience.

### Mission

To ignite genius and empower students to advance the world.



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**4,203** Pre-K to 6th Students  
**602** Employees, Teachers & Support Staff  
**8** Schools

### A Message from the Superintendent

Every year has a few defining moments, and this annual report captures the shifting landscape during the 2019-2020 school year and its impact on our district. The year started in an impressive way, with incredible momentum as we continued to revolutionize the traditional system to prepare our students. With meaningful learning at the core, we continued to distinguish a unique experience for each child. That allows every child to learn according to his or her own passions and ways of applying deep thinking to learning.

The latter part of the year was marked by world-changing, paradigm-shifting developments, and it was almost unfathomable to be moving through such a series of events. The pandemic hit in March, waves of social change swelled around the world in late spring, and campaigns for a United States presidential election were in full swing by the end of the school year. Remote learning became the way classrooms operated, and there was an overnight transformation of how our district educated children.

Since school closure in March, DMUSD remained steadfast in our commitment to proactively plan for schools to safely reopen and to successfully welcome in the new school year in the fall. Although the year's end was commemorated by a few reimagined "time-honored" traditions (drive by 6th grade promotion, class gatherings on Zoom), it was predominantly marked by the abrupt pivot to remote learning and the monumental effort it would require to prepare for schools to reopen.

This was a drastic departure from typical years that see a predictable end to a school year in June, followed by a clearly defined summer. Instead, the development of our Launch distance learning program was in full force before the end of the school year, and the extensive work to safely reopen schools was well underway with logistics planning and preparation.

We are a district rich with tradition, a district grounded in strong instructional practice, a district defined by high academic performance. Those are hallmarks we hold on to. We are continuing to make great forward movement with District Design 2022, our district's robust strategic plan, and it is exciting to see how we are realizing this vision each day as our actions and thinking evolve during this unique period of time. When the history books look back on this moment in our district, we believe they will tell a dramatic story of how talented DMUSD educators and students, committed parents, and a caring community made this year remarkable!

Sincerely,

*Holly McClurg*

Holly McClurg, Ph.D.  
Superintendent



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## NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON

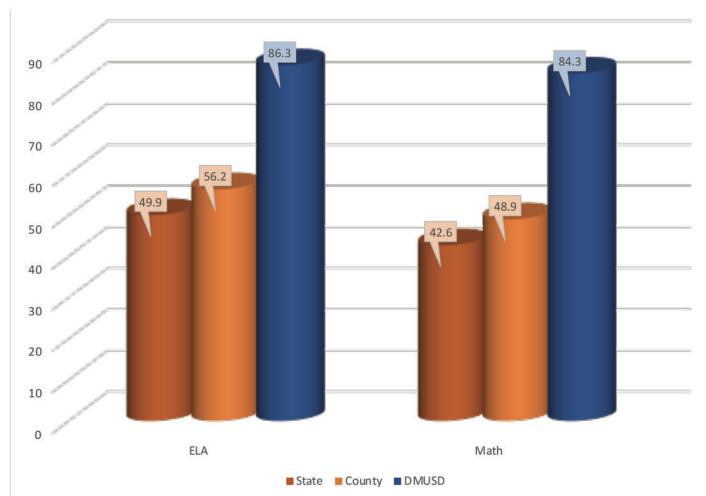


Del Mar Hills Academy was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School! The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program celebrates school excellence and National Blue Ribbon Schools are honored at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. National Blue Ribbon Schools serve as examples for other schools throughout the nation and details of their achievements are shared on the U.S. Department of Education's website.



From Left to Right: Holly McClurg, Ph.D. - Superintendent, Crstin Ebright - Teacher, Mike Levin - Congressman, Julie Lerner - Principal, Andrea Sleet - Principal

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



### STATE ACADEMIC TESTING - ALL STUDENTS

DMUSD students continue to score in the top 1% among the 1,100 districts in the state on the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)! Our district is the highest performing elementary district in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics in San Diego County based on student performance in Spring 2019. Our hard-working and thoughtful educators continue to be grounded in providing an exceptional academic experience via high-quality instruction, which provides the foundation for our students' academic success.



The Del Mar Union School District always hosts Welcome Back Nights at each of our schools to meet and welcome students and families before the start of the school year. And this year, the WOW Festival gave new families a chance to get to know the entire Del Mar/Carmel Valley community. The WOW Festival was created as a summer event to welcome our wonderful families, new and current, with local business booths, carnival games, a live band, a photo booth, a bookstore, and food trucks. Fifty local businesses jumped at the opportunity to partner with our district and provide food, freebies, donations, samples, and discounts on their services to our families. We also had a silent auction run by the Del Mar Schools Education Foundation and a small pop-up bookstore from Barnes & Noble. More than 1,500 guests attended our inaugural event, and we plan to host the WOW Festival every summer, starting again in August 2021.

## SPEAKER SERIES

Throughout the year, DMUSD sponsored a parent speaker series for all DMUSD parents. Each of these evening events featured a highly regarded speaker on topics that were timely and relevant to parenting. Topics were prioritized based on results from a parent survey.

The speaker series will continue in the 2020-2021 school year.

### DECEMBER 5, 2019

**"POPULAR CULTURE AND THE IMPACT ON STUDENTS"**  
PRESENTED BY **COMMANDER W. LeBARON**  
LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

### JANUARY 13, 2020

SCREENING OF THE FILM:  
**SCREENAGERS: GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE**

### FEBRUARY 10, 2020

SCREENING OF THE FILM:  
**SCREENAGERS: THE NEXT CHAPTER**  
UNCOVERING SKILLS FOR STRESS RESILIENCE



TIMELINE

August 2019  
WOW Festival

August 2019  
School Begins

September 2019  
DMUSD Awarded  
Moody's Aaa Rating

November 2019  
National Blue Ribbon  
Schools Award

December 2019  
PHR School #9 Approved

February 2020  
Spanish Parent  
Information Nights

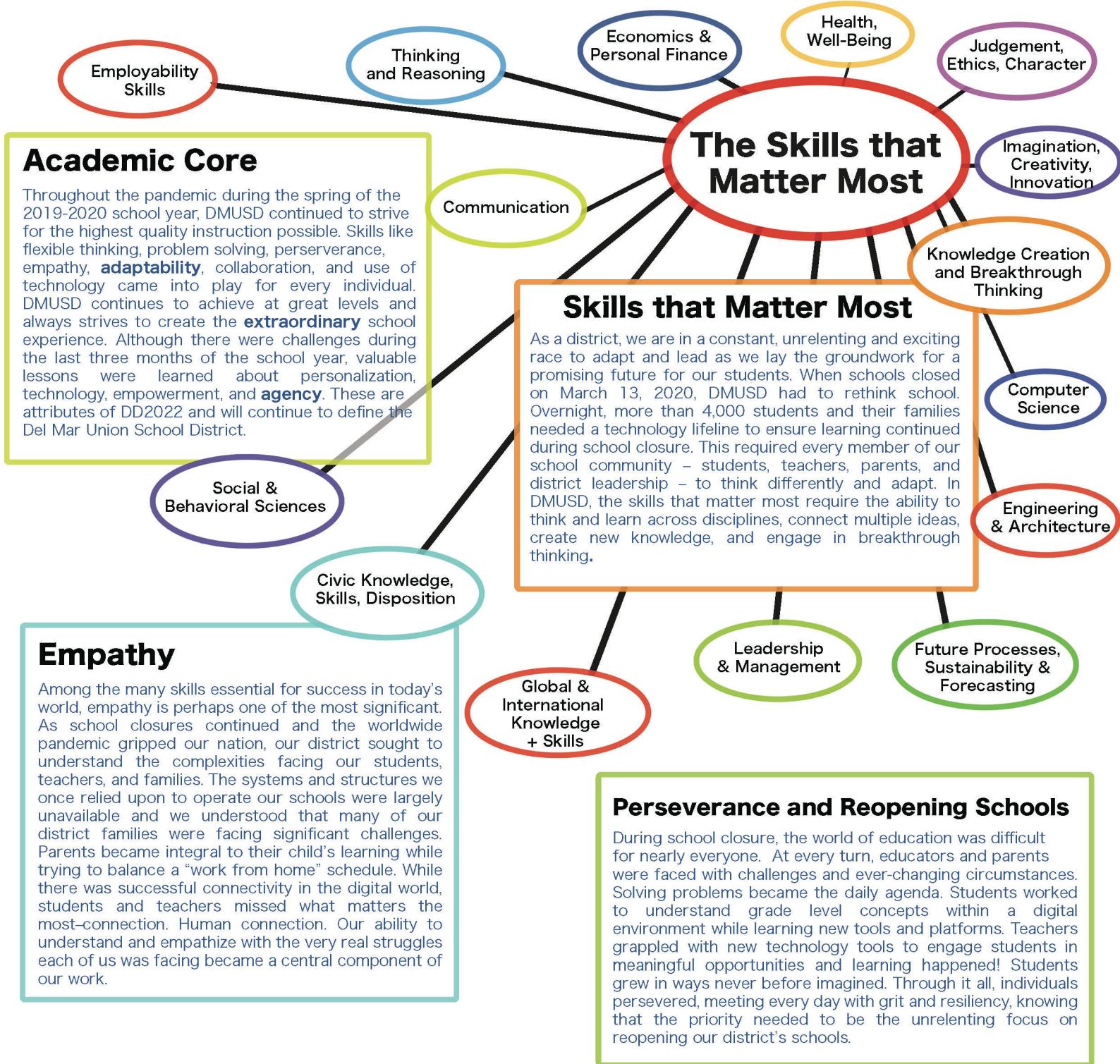
March 2020  
School Facilities Closed  
COVID-19 Pandemic



# DD2022 AND THE PANDEMIC

District Design 2022, DMUSD's strategic plan, guides district decisions, actions, and, ultimately, the learning and development of every child. Three levers serve as anchors for our district priority actions:

**LEVER ONE:** Strong Academic Core and High Quality Instruction; **LEVER TWO:** Mastery of The Skills that Matter Most; **LEVER THREE:** Environment



## REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

Total Revenue \$64,953,686 | Expenditures \$63,685,035



## RESPONSE TO PANDEMIC

Since the District's closure on March 13, 2020, staff have proactively planned for the District's safe reopening. Below are some of the measures implemented to ensure safety and continuity of learning for both in-person and distance learning programs.



## MEASURE MM

Measure MM was passed by the community in November of 2018. This general obligation bond will provide \$183 million to fund major facilities projects at all schools in the Del Mar Union School District. These projects will be funded through four series of bonds, Series A, B, C, and D. Major projects planned for completion as a part of Measure MM are listed below.



DEL MAR HEIGHTS SCHOOL REBUILD



PACIFIC HIGHLANDS RANCH SCHOOL #9

**SERIES A**

**2019-2022**

- Del Mar Heights School Rebuild
- Pacific Highlands Ranch School #9
- Torrey Hills Field Upgrade



**SERIES B**

**2021-2024\***

- Del Mar Heights School Rebuild
- Pacific Highlands Ranch School #9
- Del Mar Hills Academy Modernization
- Carmel Del Mar School Modernization



**SERIES C**

**2024-2027\***

- Solar Installation at All Schools
- Play Improvements at All Schools
- Ashley Falls School Modernization
- Sage Canyon School Modernization
- Torrey Hills School Modernization



**SERIES D**

**2027-2030\***

- Sage Canyon School Modernization
- Torrey Hills School Modernization
- Sycamore Ridge School Modernization
- Ocean Air School Modernization
- Technology Infrastructure at All Schools
- Front Office Upgrades at All Schools



\*Anticipated Dates



The Del Mar Schools Education Foundation (DMSEF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds to support additional specialized credentialed teachers in the Del Mar Union School District's STEAM+ curriculum.

Support for STEAM+ reflects the Del Mar Union School District's commitment to the education and development of the whole child. Through purposeful lessons and units of study based on clear learning targets and objectives, our students have opportunities that challenge their thinking and require them to apply what they have learned.