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## A Message From Our Superintendent

Dear DMUSD Families,

As we begin this new school year, our district is at an exciting juncture! For years, we have embraced our work to inspire the potential in each child, and we have never let up on our ambition to provide an extraordinary school experience for every student. We have had clear priorities with our previous strategic plan, and now the exciting work of implementing our new strategic plan, *Destination 2028!*, begins.

As the world changes, this generation of students, known as Generation Alpha, needs us to be forward-thinking and committed to implementing what is best for their future success. So, how do we prepare Generation Alpha for the future? It's not enough for students to simply do what computers can do. Anything that can be outsourced to robotics and automation will be.

What computers *can't* do is interact with people. Our students must develop empathy and compassion. They must be able to think through complex tasks and have the transferable social skills to innovate and adapt, using technology as a tool but still thrive in the world of humans.

The school experience needs to continue to evolve and include opportunities that are interactive and immersive. The task we are confronted with is designing rich and meaningful learning that has at its core engaging experiences, innovative thinking, and a compelling curriculum. Undoubtedly, our students need us to be intentional about fostering critical thinking, communication, and collaboration within dynamic learning spaces. This takes great facilitation by skilled teachers who are highly competent in delivering quality instruction.

It remains our vision and our commitment that every student in DMUSD has an extraordinary educational experience. We are excited to work alongside you to make this a wonderful year for students!

Sincerely,

Holly McClurg, PhD  
Superintendent



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# Del Mar FAST FACTS

• UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT •

DMUSD is a premier district in the nation, known for superb academic performance, highly skilled teachers, and strong community partnerships.

Ranked as **A TOP PERFORMING DISTRICT**



in the state of California

**Aaa MOODY'S RATING**



recognized for fiscal responsibility and 1 of 8 school districts in California with this highest rating

K-6 elementary district with **9 SCHOOLS**



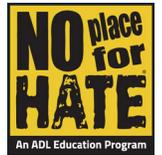
Ashley Falls School  
Carmel Del Mar School  
Del Mar Heights School  
Del Mar Hills Academy  
Ocean Air School

Pacific Sky School  
Sage Canyon School  
Sycamore Ridge School  
Torrey Hills School

2023-2024 number of students: **3,636**  
2023-2024 number of staff: **571**  
Average teacher longevity rate: **14.7 years**



**3 Golden Bell Awards**  
**3 National Blue Ribbon Schools**  
**8 California Distinguished Schools**



## We deliver:

- ★ An outstanding academic program
- ★ A culture that values diversity and promotes equity and inclusion for all
- ★ High-quality professional learning for every staff member
- ★ State-of-the-art facilities
- ★ An exceptional STEAM+ program with credentialed specialists for every child
- ★ Student agency and ownership in the educational experience

## Focusing on Every Student, Every Day

### An extraordinary school experience includes:

- A **culture of thinking** full of rich and meaningful learning experiences.
- A robust and engaging **STEAM+ program** with specialized instruction in the arts, science, physical education, and interdisciplinary learning.
- 143 **modernized classrooms** (so far!).
- A full continuum of **high-quality special education** services and programs.
- Support of students' social and emotional growth with **dedicated teachers** and **school counselors**.
- Outstanding **preschool, pre-kindergarten, after school care, and camp program** options.



### OUR VISION

The unrelenting pursuit of the extraordinary school experience.

### OUR MISSION

To ignite genius and empower students to advance the world.

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