



• UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT •

### Vision

The unrelenting pursuit of the extraordinary school experience.

### Mission

To ignite genius and empower students to advance the world.

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# Annual Report 2021-2022 School Year

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On behalf of the Del Mar Union School District, we are pleased to bring you our 2021-2022 annual report. Our superior school system is characterized by student-centered decision-making, high quality instruction, exceptionally skilled staff, and a vibrant parent community. I invite you to take a few minutes to review this summary of the previous twelve months.

The 2021-2022 school year was remarkable for how our district thoughtfully navigated another year of the pandemic, while staying steadfast in our commitment to the unrelenting pursuit of the extraordinary school experience. DMUSD continues to be at the forefront of education with high standards, innovative teaching and learning, and meaningful experiences that develop our students' abilities to think, plan, create, and question.

Looking back five years...

It was the year 2017, and DMUSD was just beginning to implement our district's newest strategic plan. The vision and objectives set forth in that plan, District Design 2022, have since been embraced by adults and

children throughout our district, and the bold actions are truly transforming our classrooms. We knew District Design 2022 was a multi-year plan, and that it would take time for us to truly transform our system. We initially set out to revolutionize education to better prepare today's students, and each day since, in subtle and very significant ways, we have moved closer to realizing what we call "the extraordinary school experience."

As the world changes, we know that this generation of students needs us to act now. They need us to be forward-thinking and committed to implementing what is best for their future success. We eagerly look forward to involving our entire community as we envision the next several years in our district!

Sincerely,

**Holly McClurg, Ph.D.**

Superintendent

**3,790** Number of Pre-K-6 grade students

**588** Number of teachers and support staff

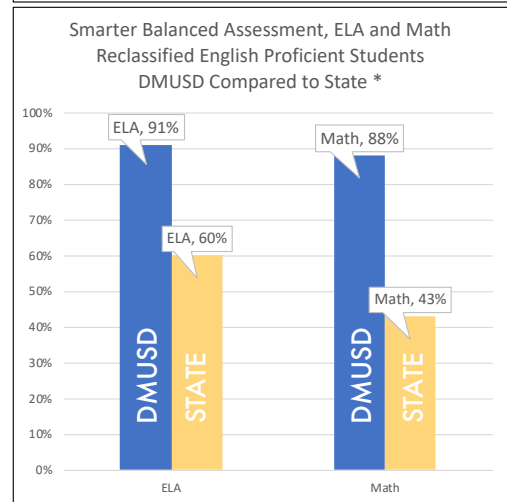
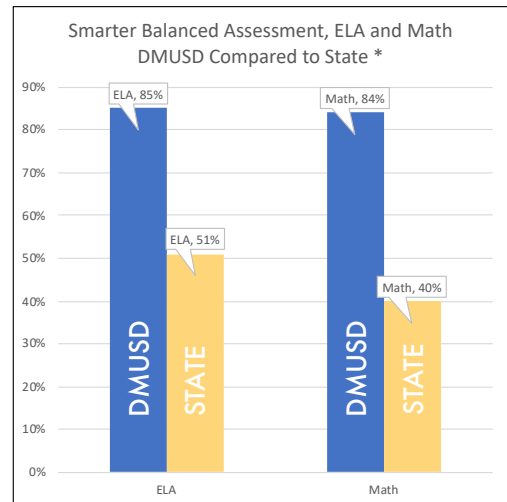
**9** Number of schools

# Academic Excellence

While standardized tests are but one measure of student success, DMUSD students continue to excel through authentic, in-class assessments of student performance as well as standardized measures. Students once again participated in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) in spring 2022. This State assessment has not been administered since spring 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While official results will not be available from the State until early fall, preliminary score reports look to be on par with pre-pandemic student performance. Our educators have carefully monitored student success to ensure that students had every support necessary to excel in the school setting.



## High Achievement



\*DMUSD Data reflect 2022 preliminary scores. State Data represents 2019 results as 2022 state data has not yet been released.

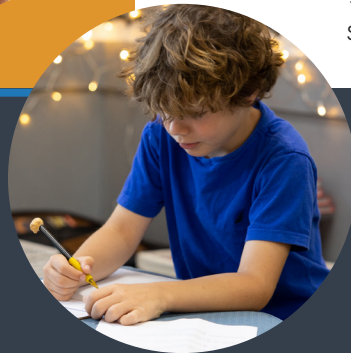
## The Power of Learning

### for Students AND Staff

Over the last two years, parents and staff have ranked high quality professional learning as one of their highest priorities. DMUSD staff members are among the most knowledgeable and highly skilled professionals. Teachers participate in professional learning in a variety of content areas and this learning translates directly to our students and is visible each day in our schools.

Work focused on developing students' deep understanding and critical thinking continued with

Dr. Ron Ritchhart throughout the year. Our students demonstrate their understanding of content through exciting, authentic tasks where student ownership of learning, individual agency, and independence are fostered and promoted. Students' deep understanding of content coupled with their ability to think deeply in unique and challenging ways leads to unparalleled intellectual rigor.





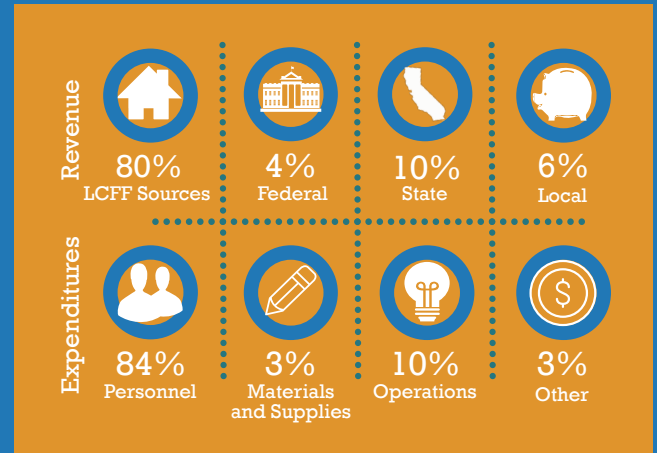
# Revenue & Expenditures

## \$186 Million in Facilities Funds

### Districtwide Projects

- Classroom and Shared Learning Spaces
- Outdoor Learning Spaces
- Play Structure Replacements
- Field Improvements
- Facility Improvements/Modernizations

Total Revenue \$70,593,479  
Expenditures \$70,138,011



## Funding

The district's budget supports the priorities of District Design 2022 and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). To assure fiscal solvency, DMUSD is committed to proactive fiscal planning and maintaining a prudent reserve balance for a community funded school district.



# Pacific Sky School

Designed with and for the local community

- Completed in 15 months on an expedited schedule
- Flexible, modern learning environment designed for today's students
- Student safety at the forefront - security cameras, single point of entry, security fencing
- Energy efficient and environmentally conscious - solar power, natural lighting
- Future connection to San Diego City Park
- Neighborhood school is a community asset
- District's central kitchen

480

Student capacity

20

K-6 classrooms

7

Slides around the school - Fun!

314

Solar panels

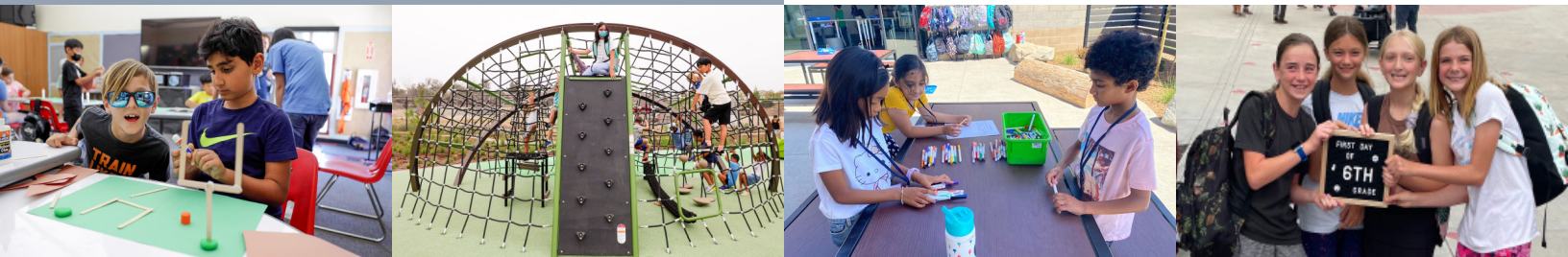
# Student Well-being

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are the District's highest priority. We are committed to providing a safe learning environment for our students that focuses on the psychological safety as well as the physical safety of our campuses. Each of our schools adopts an annual safety plan that identifies procedures for maintaining the safety and security of the campus. The social-emotional well-being of our students is a critical component that contributes to the overall safety of our schools. Our teams of school counselors, psychologists, and the district's mental health therapist collaborate with classroom teachers and staff to implement a tiered system of support for social-emotional wellness. Teachers and staff facilitate social-emotional learning and development in the classroom through the continued use of the Second Step curriculum.

# District Design 2022

Intentional planning and top quality performance throughout the district get results! Highlights include:

- Radically **transformed** the school experience
- **Opened schools** during a pandemic
- Prioritized student social-emotional **well-being**
- **Transformed** our learning spaces
- **World-class** professional learning
- **Aaa Moody's Rating**
- Piloted, adopted, and implemented a **new science program**
- Designed and commenced construction on **two new schools**
- Two more **National Blue Ribbon** Schools
- Implemented a **Spanish Immersion Program**



# DMSEF

DEL MAR SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## A Partner in Education

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.



## Extraordinary Experiences

The DMUSD STEAM+ program provides robust and engaging instruction for students in the arts, science, physical education, and interdisciplinary learning. STEAM+ credentialed specialists facilitate rich, authentic learning experiences that prepare students for a future where they will think, innovate, and create.