

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Holly McClurg, Ph.D.



Dear DMUSD Families,

This school year is off to a great start with energized staff, supportive parents, and most importantly, happy students!

Our district's mission is to ignite the genius in every child. Our vision is the unrelenting pursuit of the extraordinary school experience. At our core, we are devoted to providing an environment that nurtures a happy, positive, empathetic, can-do disposition in your child. Every child should feel valued. Every child should feel a sense of belonging. It is our commitment to you to give your child the very best experience every day.

We extend a warm welcome to you as partners in your child's education. Please know how much we value your support and appreciate your involvement in your child's school life!

We are looking forward to a wonderful year full of adventure, learning, and fun!

Sincerely,

Holly McClurg, Ph.D.  
Superintendent



Excitement in DMUSD!

*New families...*

We have welcomed 674 new children in kindergarten through sixth grade to our DMUSD family this school year. We have also welcomed 87 new employees who have joined our 467 returning employees.

*New leadership...*

We are excited to welcome new administrators to these leadership positions in our district!

Pacific Sky School Principal - Mrs. Alison Fieberg is the principal of our district's new school, Pacific Sky School! Prior to leading Pacific Sky School, Mrs. Fieberg was the principal at Sage Canyon School in our district. She is excited about working with the Pacific Sky community!

Sage Canyon School Principal - Mrs. Maria Parker is our new principal at Sage Canyon School. Most recently, Mrs. Parker served as a Vice Principal in the Santee School District and prior to that, taught in DMUSD for 8 years. She is thrilled to be a part of the Sage Canyon community!

Chief Technology Officer - Mr. Sam Plambeck is the district's Chief Technology Officer. Prior to joining our DMUSD team, Mr. Plambeck served as Director of Information Technology, Educational Technology Coach, Technology Teacher, and Technology Curriculum Specialist outside our district.

Program Specialist, Special Education - Mrs. Emily Stengle and Mrs. Dina Irwin are joining the district's leadership team as program specialists in our Special Education Department. Mrs. Stengle and Mrs. Irwin have been with the district for many years and are now thrilled to be supporting students and staff throughout the district.



# FAST FACTS

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



2022-2023 number of students: **3,790**

2022-2023 number of staff: **588**

Average teacher longevity rate: **15.6 years**

**Focusing on Every Student, Every Day**

**3 Golden Bell Awards**

**4 National Blue Ribbon Schools**

**7 California Distinguished Schools**

**Designated No Place for Hate District**

### 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 for every child
- ★ Opportunities for student agency and ownership in their educational experience

### 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.
- 87 **modernized classrooms** (so far!) including Pacific Sky School.
- 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, prekindergarten, after school care, and camp program** options.



#### VISION

The unrelenting pursuit of the extraordinary school experience.

#### MISSION

To ignite genius and empower students to advance the world.

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