

Regular Meeting
02/01/2024 06:30 PM
6:30 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER/OPEN/PUBLIC
SESSION (ZOOM / IN-PERSON)
After the Completion of Open Session CLOSED SESSION
7:30 P.M. - OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM /
IN-PERSON)

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA FOR THE <u>REGULAR</u> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

6:30 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER/OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM / IN-PERSON)
After the Completion of Open Session - CLOSED SESSION
7:30 P.M. - OPEN/PUBLIC SESSION (ZOOM / IN-PERSON)
Continuation of Closed Session After the Completion of Open Session Items

This meeting will also be held electronically via Zoom Meetings and in-person capacity.

PARTICIPATION IN-PERSON: Adherence to current Los Angeles County Department of

Public Health protocols: Rosemead School District District Office - Board Room

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PARTICIPATION VIA TELECONFERENCE/ELECTRONIC:

Zoom Call-In# (346) 248-7799

Zoom Meeting ID# 875 4146 7548

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Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Nancy Armenta, Trustee

Mr. Ronald Esquivel, Trustee

Mrs. Veronica Pena, Trustee

Mr. John Quintanilla, President

Mrs. Diane Benitez, Clerk

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba Ph.D., Superintendent

Dr. Maria Rios Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services Dr. Jennifer Fang Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Mr. Alejandro Gaeta, Network Administrator

Mrs. Cynthia Bracamonte, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

IV.	Members Present Members Absent		
	President Quintanilla called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.		
III.	Call to Order by at p.m.		
II.	NOTICES		
I.	NOTICES - Public Comments / Speaker's Requests		

President Quintanilla read the following statement:

The Rosemead School District Board of Trustees will conduct their public meetings inperson along with a virtual Zoom cast. In order to ensure the board's business is heard clearly, we would like to respectfully request for all Zoom attendees to mute their microphones unless you are requested by the Board President to address the Board.

V. MEETING RECORDED

This meeting will be audio and video recorded. Trustees have received background information regarding each agenda item prior to the meeting thus ensuring a thorough review of each item.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

That the Agenda, be Approved, as Amended.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (3 minutes per person or 20 minutes per topic)

Pursuant to Board Bylaw No. 9323, we would like to encourage members of the public to present their views to the Board regarding matters listed in the agenda. At regular meetings of the Board, members of the public may address the Board on agenda items, as well as any other items of concern that fall within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. If you want to address an agenda item, you have the option of speaking at this time or at the time the item is being discussed by the Board.

Individual speakers shall be allowed three (3) minutes total to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item. The Board shall limit the total time for public input

on each item to 20 minutes. Please state your name, make your presentation as brief as possible, and understand that the Board will not engage in a debate with visitors, but you may be given an opportunity for further questions and answers when a specific item is presented in the agenda.

Mrs. Bracamonte shared that there were no submissions received for closed session topics.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 P.M.

IX. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at _____p.m.

President Quintanilla recessed the meeting to closed session at 6:33 p.m. to consider agenda items A-C.

X. CLOSED SESSION

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, REASSIGNMENT, EVALUATION, AND DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE) - pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Participants: Dr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba, Dr. Maria C. Rios, and Dr. Jennifer Fang

Elementary Principal

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

- District Negotiators: Dr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba and Dr. Maria C. Rios
- Employee Organization: Rosemead Teachers Association; California School Employees Association and its Rosemead Chapter 9; Management; Confidential; and Unrepresented - Provide direction regarding negotiations

C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Participant: Dr. Alejandro Ruvalcaba

Superintendent

XI. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION at ______p.m.

President Quintanilla adjourned closed session at 7:32 p.m.

XII. REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.

XIII. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION at _____ p.m.

President Quintanilla reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:40 p.m.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (if any)

President Quintanilla announced that the Board of Trustees took no action during closed session.

XV. MEETING RECORDED

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XVI.	PLEDGE OF	ALLEGIANCE by:	

President Quintanilla requested for Henry Lee to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

XVII. AWARDS/RECOGNITION VIRTUAL PRESENTATION(S)

- 1. President Quintanilla congratulated and presented plaques to the following students as the Students of the Month for February 2024: Evika Galicia, 6th gr. Encinita; Gabriel Campa, 6th gr, Janson; Estrella Arreola, 6th gr. Savannah; Jullian Serna, 6th gr. Shuey; and Muscatel: Alexander Castillo, 7th gr, and Harleen Kaur, 8th gr.
- 2. President Quintanilla congratulated and presented recognition certificates to the following students from the Shuey Running Team: Kendrick Kim, Bryan Wang, Mindy Tran, William Granados, Angel Gustavo Orozco Lopez, Andy Ge, Jason Ta, Adriel Velasco, Elaina Huynh, Kent Gonzalez, Rachel Tran, Tina Phung, Terrance Zhong, Audrey Ton, Emily Trieu, Enzo Zhang, Kira Valenzuela, Keerat Singh, Evan Verkouteren, Kylie Lin, Khloe Lin, Nicholas Chea, Natalie Chea, Andrea Jimenez, Greysen Rees, Ivan Huang, Quincy Wong, Christine Lee, Coaches Kelli Matsumoto and Gabriel Garcia, and Volunteers Marisol Zapata and Cassandra Vega.

President Quintanilla recessed the meeting for a brief break at 8:14 p.m.

President Quintanilla reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:23 p.m.

XVIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per person or 20 minutes per topic)

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Mrs. Bracamonte shared that there were six (6) submissions, as follows:

- Miriam Wazirkajoyan
- Sam Joo
- Hugo Moreno and Shirley Conde
- Ginny Ford
- Cami Case on behalf of Debra Boeve
- Cami Case

XIX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the following:

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
- Congratulated the students of the month and expressed that it is nice to see the students and how they express themselves. He attributed this to their teachers and staff who help shape their young minds.
- Congratulated the twenty-six students recognized for their participation in the Shuey Running Team and their completion of the 5K.
- Congratulated the Muscatel Soccer team on their great game yesterday.
- Congratulated the Muscatel Basketball team for completing their season.
- Thanked Mrs. Ginny Ford for her help at Janson and thanked Mr. Ford for his willingness to share Mrs. Ford with the district.
- Shared that the team continues to conduct school site visits, adding that this is one of the great pleasures he enjoys seeing students and staff. He added that Trustee Esquivel joined the team at Encinita.
- Expressed that the team has been asked how we continue to work on Math
 achievement. He reported that the team has been collaborating with all five feeder
 districts on how to improve the work we are doing regarding Math. Adding that
 through this collaboration, the feeder districts are working together to support our
 students who need the extra support and push, which all feed into the high
 school. They are also able to share their articulation and extra support provided to
 students.
- Lastly, he wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

XX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Quintanilla shared the following:

- Congratulated the students of the month and shared that their speeches were heartwarming and nice to hear.
- Gave kudos to the Shuey Running Team and thanked the teachers and volunteers for their support of the students. He assumed that Dr. Ruvalcaba will be joining the team on a Friday for a quick run.
- Expressed a special recognition of Dr. Ruvalcaba and Principal Joo for their participation in a recent CSBA webinar on communication. He recognized them and thanked them both for taking the time to present.
- Lastly, he wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

XXI. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Peña shared the following:

Congratulated the students of the month for February.

- Gave kudos to the Shuey Running Team and thanked all the coaches and volunteers for their support of the team.
- Thanked Dr. Ruvalcaba publicly for all his updates and communication with the Board, including for the reports about traffic and opening of additional entrances. She shared that she is looking forward to the lift enrichment for the students.
- Lastly, she wanted to share the love and offered some sweets on us.

Clerk Benitez shared the following:

- Congratulated all the students of the month and shared that it was awesome to hear their speeches giving thanks. She is glad they have all the support to help them get to where they want to be.
- Congratulated the Shuey Running Team.
- Lastly, she wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Trustee Esquivel shared the following:

- Wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Lunar New Year.
- Announced that the Educational Foundation Casino Night will be held on March 2nd and that tickets can be ordered now.
- Congratulated the students of the month and expressed how articulate their speeches
 have grown to be over the years. He shared that the success of the Leader in Me
 program is proven through their growth and a great foundation to provide for our
 student leaders.
- Congratulated the Running Team, adding that running is a good healthy habit.
- Lastly, he thanked the team for allowing him to join the walk-throughs with the cabinet team.

Trustee Armenta shared the following:

- Congratulated the students of the month and shared that their enthusiasm warmed her heart. She expressed that the students are very articulate for being so young.
- Congratulated the running team and thanked the teachers for their support. She shared that it is wonderful to see everyone working together to meet all the needs of our students, adding that it takes a village to support them.
- Welcomed Mrs. Ford and thanked her for always stepping up to help our district. She shared that it is an honor that she always returns to help the district in its time of need. Adding that it's a package deal having her back and Mr. Ford with their beautiful hearts.
- Shared that it is a breath of fresh air to see the competitive nature of the principal team, by bringing humor to our Board meetings. Adding that laughter is the best medicine.
- Lastly, she wished everyone a wonderful Valentine's Day.

XXII. PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

That the Consent Agenda, be Approved, as Amended and Corrected.

Motion made by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

- A. CONSENT Personnel Status Report Certificated and Classified (Amended)
- B. CONSENT Purchase Orders of December, 2023 January, 2024 (on file), and Warrants for Budgeted Expenditures
- C. CONSENT Minutes of the January 11, 2024, Board of Trustees' Meeting (Corrected)
- D. CONSENT Service/Consultant Proposals/ Bid Awards/ Memorandum of Understanding/Contract Report
 - 1. CONSENT CHILD DEVELOPMENT LIFT Enrichment, Inc. (Districtwide) [NEW]
 - 2. CONSENT CHILD DEVELOPMENT Windtree Education Science and Tech Education (Spring Intersession) [RENEWAL]
 - 3. CONSENT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Aquarium of the Pacific (Mildred B. Janson Elementary School) [RENEWAL]
 - 4. CONSENT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Document Tracking Services (DTS) (Districtwide) [RENEWAL]
 - 5. CONSENT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Early Learning Solutions, Inc. (Elementary Schools) [NEW]
 - 6. CONSENT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Royale Management Group, LLC (Savannah Elementary School) [NEW]
 - CONSENT SPECIAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES - LA Speech Pathology Services, Inc. (Districtwide) [AMENDMENT]

XXIV. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATION(S)

A. Presentation on the ASCIP Traffic Survey for Emma W. Shuey Elementary School, by Dr. Maria C. Rios, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services

Assistant Superintendent Rios presented the ASCIP Traffic survey recommendations for Emma W. Shuey Elementary School and answered questions. See the presentation attached.

XXV. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. ACTION - Confirmation of Next Scheduled Study Session Board Meeting for the Month of March, 2024, as March 21, 2024

That the Board of Trustees Confirm the Next Scheduled Study Session for the Month of March, 2024, as March 21, 2024, on the topic of: Artificial Intelligence, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta Motion seconded by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by 5-0 vote.

B. ACTION - Rosemead School District Initial Contract Proposal to the Rosemead Teachers' Association (RTA) for the 2023-2024 Reopener

That the Rosemead School District Initial Contract Proposal to the Rosemead Teachers' Association (RTA) for the 2023-2024 Reopener, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

C. ACTION - Rosemead Teachers' Association (RTA) Initial Contract Proposal to the Rosemead School District for the 2023-2024 Reopener

That the Rosemead Teachers' Association (RTA) Initial Contract Proposal to the Rosemead School District for the 2023-2024 Reopener, be Accepted.

Motion made by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

XXVI. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

A. DISCUSSION - Review Updated Policies - 1st Reading

Superintendent Ruvalcaba presented the updated draft policies for a first reading and shared that they will be returned to the board for action at the next meeting.

XXVII. NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW BUSINESS - Exhibit 1 - Matrix for New Business Topics and Follow Up

Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared the following updates to the Matrix:

- Shared that the matrix was updated with the information from the January meeting.
- Special Study Session requested for the Board to review the summary of the Board's availability survey to schedule the session. He shared that it appeared that everyone is available on Saturday, March 30, and he had already confirmed that Mrs. Hsu is available. He shared that Mrs. Hsu suggested that we include the ethics training in the session and devote two hours to the Board's prioritized topics. Adding that if all the topics are not covered during the study session, the group can look at scheduling additional time if needed.
 - It was the Board's unanimous consensus to proceed with a special study session on March 30, 2024.

Trustee Esquivel shared the following:

- Inquired whether staff can project those participating via Zoom on one of the TVs in the Boardroom during meetings.
- Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that staff would work on a solution.

President Quintanilla shared the following:

- Shared that the community has requested that the District look into acquiring some mobile bleachers for the field.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that there are some bleachers that are mobile, similar to risers, which would require staff to set up and breakdown for each game. He shared that the storage of the bleachers would be a concern.
 - After discussion, it was the Board's consensus to do some exploratory research on the costs and, if available, share a video.
- Inquired whether the District can purchase an official-sized goal net for the soccer team.
- Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that as the teams visit other school programs, they are set up to simulate the high school setup with official goal posts. He shared that the goal posts are on wheels and are permanently up.
 - After discussion, it was the Board's consensus for the District to purchase the posts at the Superintendent's discretion.

- Shared that everyone is grateful to Deputy Farley and the years he has worked with our schools. He requested for Deputy Farley to be recognized at a future Board meeting.
- After discussion, it was the Board's consensus to recognize the Rosemead Team along with Deputy Farley.
- Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that Dr. Rios will reach out to check availability and an invitation will be extended to the Captain and Chief.

Trustee Peña shared the following:

- Inquired if the ELOP funds can be utilized to replace the desks for students who need them.
 - o Dr. Rios shared that the District has formed a furniture replacement committee who have developed a rubric to determine what will be replaced. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4th and Dr. Rios will bring back the survey results. Additionally, she shared that there are some bond funds set aside for future needs.
 - Superintendent Ruvalcaba shared that the ELOP funds are utilized for the extended day and beyond the school day, and that multi-funds for furniture can be considered by percentage.

XXVIII. ACTION ITEM(S)

A. ACTION - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Authorization For Use of Hemet Unified School District Piggyback BID #PUR2023-01 (Corrected)

That the Authorization for Use of Hemet Unified School District Piggyback BID#PUR 2023-01, be Approved, as Corrected.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

B. ACTION - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Authorization For Use of Approved California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) State of California General Services Administration Contract 4-22-11-1011

That the Authorization for Use of Approved California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) State of California General Services Administration Contract 4-22-11-1011, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Diane Benitez

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

C. ACTION - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Authorization For Use of Approved California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) State of California General Services Administration Contract 4-22-12-1015, #2

That the Authorization for Use of Approved California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) State of California General Services Administration Contract 4-22-12-1015, #2, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta Motion seconded by: Mrs. Veronica Pena

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

D. ACTION - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Authorization For Use of Hesperia Unified School District Piggyback BID #22-001 (Amendment)

That the Authorization for Use of Hesperia Unified School District Piggyback BID #22-001, be Approved.

Motion made by: Ms. Nancy Armenta Motion seconded by: Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes

Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

XXIX. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (3 minutes per person or 20 minutes per topic)

XXX.	RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at p.m.

XXXI. CLOSED SESSION

XXXII. ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION at ______ p.m.

XXXIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at _____ p.m.

XXXIV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (if any)

XXXV. ADJOURNMENT The meeting (be) adjourned at ______ p.m.

President Quintanilla adjourned the February 1, 2024, Board Meeting at 9:36 p.m., be Approved.

<u>Motion made by:</u> Ms. Nancy Armenta <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Mrs. Diane Benitez

Voting:

Ms. Nancy Armenta - Yes Mr. Ronald Esquivel - Yes

Mrs. Veronica Pena - Yes

Mr. John Quintanilla - Yes

Mrs. Diane Benitez - Yes

The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

XXXVI. NEXT MEETING DATES

John Quintanilla, President Diane Benitez, Clerk

Student of the Month Awards School Gebruary 2024 The School Backston of the Month Awards The School Gebruary 2024 The School Backston of the Month Awards The School Gebruary 2024



Encinita Elementary School Evika Galicia

Evika's journey is truly inspiring, marked by significant strides in academics and personal growth. Her dedication to studies is reflected in notable academic improvement. Beyond grades, Evika is confidently finding her voice in class discussions, showcasing both intellectual prowess and growing self-assurance. Notably, she's also overcoming shyness, tackling tasks with determination. This combination of academic progress and personal development paints a compelling picture of Evika's resilience and potential for progress.

~Ms. Lynn Kong, 6th gr Teacher





Mildred B. Janson Elementary School Gabriel Campa

The Mildred B. Janson Elementary 6th grade team is proud to recognize Gabriel Campa as the Student of the Month for the month of February. Gabriel is an enthusiastic learner. Gabriel has demonstrated his ability to put first things first by understanding how to prioritize his time wisely. He is a proactive learner because he takes initiative in class by participating in class discussions to share his ideas. Gabriel begins with the end in mind in all assignments by planning how to approach completing his assignments ahead of time. He is also quite the artist, when he expresses himself through his creativity. Because of these reasons, the 6th grade team has selected Gabriel as the student of the month.

-Mr. Aguilar, Ms. Hua, and Mrs. Gonzales, 6th gr Teachers





Savannah Elementary School Estrella CArreda

Estretta is a 6th grader who has made great strides academically. On her iReady Reading Diagnostic Test she went up 79 points, which was a jump from a level 4 reading to a level 6 proficient in reading. On her iReady Math Diagnostic Test, Estrella went up 23 points, which moved her from a level 4 in math to a level 5 in math. Those are awesome improvements! in class, Estrella is raising her hand more to participate and she is using her leadership akills to help others. Great job, Estrella. Ms. Ameola and Ms. Wong congratulate you on a job well done!

-Ms. Wong and Ms. Arreola, 6th gr Teachers



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Emma W. Shuey Elementary School Jullian Serna

Shuey's teachers are proud to recognize Jullian Sema as the Student of the Month for February. Jullian has proven to be a dedicated student this school year by being responsible, focused, and hardworking. He has made academic growth in all subject areas and has met both of his "stretch" goals in the areas of reading and math on IReady for the 2nd trimester. Jullian completes all of his homework and projects, and has made a tremendous amount of growth since we first met him in 4th grade. Some things that stand out about Jullian are that he is respectful to peers and teachers alike and that he values his education. It has been a pleasure to see Jullian's continued growth this school year. Shuey's 6th grade team would love to congratulate you, Jullian, for being recognized as the Most Improved Student of the

-Mrs. Park and Mrs. Jimenez, Teachers





Muscatel Middle School **Alexander Castillo**

Alex is a hardworking student with a determination to always do his best who comes to class prepared & ready to learn. He has a solid grasp of social studies and contributes to discussions in such a positive, engaging way. Alex respects his classmates and teachers and makes each day a fantastic day. Alax's ability to collaborate and work well with others helps everyone around him have a better experience in the classroom. His willingness to listen to other's ideas and figure out how to work together was most evident during a collaborative project where students built a model Roman aqueduct out of cardboard and other materials. Alex was able to troubleshoot some design flaws in his group's model and correct them to create a successful aqueduct that allowed water to be transported without leaking. I have no doubt Alex







Muscatel Middle School Plarteen Kaur

Harleen is a leader who exemplifies the best of Muscatel. She is kind, motivated, hard-working and fun to be around. She starts each day with a smile and is ready to try her best. As a leader, Harleen can always be depended on and takes time to create a positive and supportive atmosphere around her. Being Harleen's teacher means I get the privilege of seeing her continue to succeed not just academically but also in her leadership roles in Llighthouse and ASB. She demonstrates her excellent leadership skills as she helps coordinate school activities, dances, movie nights and student incentive activities. She uses her creativity to make our school a better place to be. Her outstanding citizenship in all her classes is indicative of the kind of student and person she is. We are so grateful that Harleen is a Mustangl

Teresa Turetzky - 7th/8th gr. LEAD Teacher



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