Thank you voters in Jefferson Elementary School District!!

On November 6, 2018, voters in Jefferson Elementary School District overwhelmingly passed Measure U. In an election with one of the highest turnouts in recent history, the voters demonstrated their support for our elementary and middle schools by voting 68% in favor of Measure U (the measure only required 55% to pass). The funds generated by this measure will support the district’s efforts to improve safety conditions across the district at all schools, continue improving classroom spaces (both indoor and out) as well as provide an opportunity to utilize some of these funds to offset costs of building Faculty and Staff Housing that will be a vital instrument to attract and retain qualified staff members serving in our district.

Over the course of the next few months you can expect to see the continuing replacement of fencing around our schools, plans to upgrade and improve our playing fields, continued painting projects, furniture replacement and upgrades to playground structures. The district will also be able to implement plans to improve safety of student pick up and drop off zones at many schools in the district in addition to upgrading and improving accessibility for garden spaces and other outdoor learning classrooms.

Maintaining and improving school facilities, learning environments and recreation spaces is a community responsibility. We wish to thank our parent and extended community for supporting our schools and getting the word out to your network on the importance of community support for public schools!

As one calendar year closes and another one begins, we have much to be grateful for and look forward to. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with our students every day and for the support the community extends in that effort. We look forward to continued collaboration with our community to improve our school facilities, programs and offerings in safe, accessible and improved environments. Our students - current and future - will greatly benefit from your support!

To stay up to date on district events and happenings, follow us on Facebook (@JeffersonElementarySD) and Twitter (@JeffersonElemSD)

California Schools Dashboard

The California School Dashboard (https://www.caschooldashboard.org) is an online tool designed to help communities across the state access important information about K–12 schools and districts. The Dashboard features easy-to-read reports on multiple measures of school success. The Dashboard is just one step in a series of changes that have raised the bar for student learning, transformed testing, and increased the focus on equity.

Six state measures allow for comparisons across schools and districts based on information collected statewide: High School Graduation Rate; Academic Performance; Suspension Rate; English Learner Progress; College/Career Readiness; and Chronic Absenteeism. Results are presented for all districts, schools, and defined student groups (e.g., racial groups, low income, English learners, homeless, foster youth, students with disabilities). Schools and districts receive one of five color-coded performance levels on each of the six state measures. The performance level (color) is based on current and prior year data.

Voter Funded New Classrooms Being Constructed at FRS

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Five local measures are based on information collected by districts, county offices of education, and charter schools: Basic Conditions- (teacher qualifications, safe and clean buildings, textbooks for all students); Implementation of Academic Standards; School Climate Surveys- (student safety, connection to the school); and Parent Involvement and Engagement; Access to Courses. Districts receive one of three ratings for each of the four local measures: Met; Not Met; Not Met for Two Years. School and student group information is not available for local measures. For more information, please visit the California Accountability Model & School Dashboard web page at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/index.asp.

A Message from Maufou Liaiga-Anoa’i
JESD School Board President 2018

As we enter 2019, I would like to take this opportunity to send out a huge message of thanks and gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Jefferson Elementary School District Board President this past year. This experience has warmed my soul, left me with such a sense of fulfillment and serves as a reminder of how humbling and important this work is.

Our district is very fortunate to continue to be at the forefront of many happenings. We are constantly on the move engaging and understanding the pulse of the families we serve and the incredible staff that we employ.

Here are a few highlights that made me smile this past year:

The Youth Cinema Project found a home here at JESD, this past year our board celebrated our budding filmmakers at their very own movie premiere right here at Daly City Century Theater. This amazing collaboration with esteemed actor and activist James Edward Olmos founder of Youth Cinema Project and under the leadership of Executive Director Rafael Agustin who is also the producer of Jane the Virgin shared their talented staff with our students at M.P. Brown Elementary School.

From beginning to final product, it was quite inspiring to see our students entrenched in writing scripts, designing their props and costumes, editing film and a highlight for me was seeing them behind and in front of the camera.

Family and friends were beaming with pride to see their movies shown on the “Big Screen”. All of this learning was aligned with our Common Core standards and to our students thrive through the process and rise to the occasion was quite a sight.

This project was successful because of courageous partners who stepped up and embraced this effort. A special shout out to Principal Beth Gough and teacher Ms.Rebecca Caoile. Thank you for your commitment and passion to lift our students and schools up.

During summer months, when many children are left without much to do, our district continues to raise the bar with Big Lifts inspiring summers. We expanded our reach this past summer while also having a healthy waiting list, which is a testament that we are doing something great!

We saw an increase of summer learning when there is usually a loss of learning during summer months and that is simply amazing. Another big thank you to all the Heartworkers who made this summer an incredible experience for all.

As the climate of our country continues to be flooded with threats of the safety of our children while at school, our district works tirelessly to ensure that our staff are trained and prepared along with integrating these policies and practices at the site level. With the passage of Measure U, we can continue this work and hope that our schools safety may never be compromised.

I love seeing our teachers and administrators during Professional Development Days and in action at our school sites. I find great joy in sharing conversations of their passion and witnessing the commitment and dedication they have for our students. On a daily, they’re continually ensuring our students receive the best public education; meeting our students where they are is inclusion at its best. This is the magic you are able to see with our phenomenal educators!

It gives me great pride to be a part of such a vibrant community that value the importance of education and more importantly their involvement in their children’s journey. Our school events and PTA meetings are always filled with a lot of love.

Our Curriculum team recognizes the importance of integration and innovation and I personally appreciate the ongoing efforts of creativity, inclusion, ethnic studies, self awareness and celebration of our diversity and differences while building on our commonalities which I believe only strengthen the work we all do.

Education is an equalizer and it enriches the lives of the families we touch as well as rewards the souls of our staff because they not only are making a difference, but they’re broadening the landscape and outlook of the young minds that they are pouring into day in and day out!

As we approach the holidays season and say farewell to 2018, I will always hold on tightly to the sense of fulfillment I have gained from being part of an outstanding team of Givers of Hope here at JESD. I am forever grateful to stand alongside, serve and give back with each of YOU!

All the best - with much aloha and respect.

The Big Lift helps to fund inspiring summers for our students in K-3rd grade!