



**Manteca Unified School District Board of Education Meeting**  
**Student Board Member Presentation**  
**December 14, 2021**

Good evening, Superintendent Dr. Burke, President Duncan, and respected members of the MUSD Board of Education. We are delighted to share with you all today just a few of our amazing events that we have hosted and even some we have coming up.

This month East Union has been working vigilantly to prepare for our upcoming Lancers LEAD Week, which will take place in January. Our Lancer Lead Week will take place of our second homecoming. During this event students will be nominated to win awards that represent our school best, L for Loyalty, E for Empathy, A for Accountably, D for Determination, and one student will even win the whole LEAD award. We are so excited to bring Lancers LEAD Week to our students to honor them for representing our school best! Moving on, our canned food drive was a huge success, and we filled more than 45 boxes, full to the tip top to donate to Second Harvest Food Bank for people in need! Right now, we also have our toy drive happening! Our students are greatly encouraged to donate new or gently used toys to go to French Camp Elementary to help those in need for the holidays! During this holiday season many groups around camps have come together to “adopt” a child or even a family for the holidays. Through this program you are given a child, or family to help by Christmas gifts for! Leadership, Link Crew, Cheer, Softball and many others are participating to help spread holiday cheer throughout our community! Our Lancers are so excited to get ready and begin to prepare for our 6<sup>th</sup> Man and all of our activates that will take place starting up in January! We’re so excited for what's to come!

Since the last two weeks of November Sierra High School held their Suicide Prevention Week and spread awareness of suicide and promoted positivity that everyone is loved and important. The week after they held a Social Emotional Learning week which consisted of making students feel comfortable at school by giving back to them, rather than asking them to participate. Last Saturday, Sierra High School held their first “A Night at the Disco” Formal dance, since 2019 in the large gym. It was a huge success, with amazing décor, and participation. Most importantly a safe experience, with a health screening, temperature checks, and masks worn indoors.

Coming up, we are looking forward to our Spring term after coming back from Winter break. We are going to hit the ground running with preparing for our Winterfest week coming up at the end of January. Sierra High School would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and hope everyone enjoys their winter break with family and friends.

As the cougars at Weston Ranch High School are preparing for finals this week, the excitement for winter break is building up! This past month has been an amazing few weeks, with many achievements and great closure for the year of 2021. Continuing from the ideas that were deliberated with the Cougars Advisory Team to help better our campus, progress has definitely been made. Students can now choose certain items that they prefer to go with their lunch to help reduce in food waste on campus, which is then donated afterwards. Many more things are still in the works, such as a student wellness room, club participation in campus clean ups to help with the trash left behind by students, and more cultural awareness on campus, which will start to take effect within the beginning of the new year! Winter formal was also a success considering the fact that we haven't had an in-person school dance in almost two years! With many attendees, fun times, and good music, The Night of a Thousand Lights was successful. Coming up, this Thursday on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, the very first annual Weston Ranch Holiday Parade will be taking place at 5pm! With performances and participation by WHRS marching band, color guard, leadership, choir and more! (And you can't forget about the special guest, Santa Claus!) With that, the cougars are very grateful to have such a good month to end off and continue onto the brand-new year!

December has started up with many types of events and joy-filled fun for our students and staff. Our annual Whobilation celebration was last week on Friday. Whobilation is based on the fictional place, "Whoville", from the classic movie, How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Our campus was decorated with holiday decorations contributed by our different clubs. Clubs were allowed to decorate one or more poles on campus and were able to sell holiday grams and snacks during our extended lunch. Students and staff were encouraged to dress up in holiday gear such as headgear, onesies, ugly holiday sweaters, and more. Last week, our Center Stage Theatre club put on their second production of the year, "The Gift of the Magi" for the winter. Advised by Hillary Pangburn, they were successful in their production as many people attended the after-school play. After winter break, we have our annual Winterfest spirit week, called Keeping Up with the Spartans. The theme is based on Hollywood culture and our rally will be that week on Friday, which will be Battle of the Classes. That week, we will also be having our 3v3 basketball tourney called "Spartan Jam", where students will be able to display their talents with their team. We can't wait to end the year strong and start the next year even stronger.

The last few weeks of November entering into the month of December have been incredibly fun-filled and busy for Manteca High's Buffaloes! On the Saturday of November 20<sup>th</sup>, MHS held it's first official Winter Formal since the year of 2019. With an incredible turnout of 400 attendees in total, it was an unforgettable and memorable night for everyone to take many photos, share many laughs, as well as many dances with dates and friends! The Friday evening after this exciting night, Manteca High School's Buffaloes took on the Oakdale Mustangs once again, but this time to compete for the Champion Section title! After a wild and eventful game,

Bufs beat Oakdale and won their 8<sup>th</sup> Section Championship, leading them to compete in the NorCal Bowl against Wilcox High School where they played a tough game but sadly lost.

Coming up, on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm at the MHS Cafeteria, there will be a Craft Fair of all Manteca High student projects for sale! The Ag classes will be selling projects that they have been working on all term long. These projects will consist of floral arrangements, holiday decorations, Adirondack chairs, wreaths, and more! Manteca High only hopes to continue the festivities during this eventful month of December.

Overall, you can see the students of MUSD have been busy in the classroom and in activities on their campuses. Thank you for your time – have a happy holiday season and we look forward to continuing to serve Manteca Unified and its students in 2022.

## **CSBA AEC Reflection & Thank you**

Good evening, my name is Arveen Birdi one of your student board members, the other student board members and myself would like to start by saying “Thank You” President Duncan, Superintendent Dr. Burke, Board of Trustees, and the respected members of the MUSD Board of Education for allowing me and my fellow student board members to attend the 2021 California School Boards Association Conference on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in San Diego. We are very fortunate to be one of the 35 states to include student representation on the school board. Attending the conference was impactful for all student board members as it was an opportunity for us to share and receive knowledge from other student board members from across our state. We also enjoyed getting to know to our board of trustees outside of the district office and be able to make that personal connection. We came back excited and even more eager to be a part of such a great team and proud to be MUSD. We highly recommend this conference to all future student board members. Last but not least, a special shout out to Mrs. Allison Birakos for being the best student board advisor and taking care of us throughout the conference trip. Thank you for the opportunity to learn more about our position and the possibilities that we can provide to the students of Manteca Unified.