



**Manteca Unified School District Board of Education Meeting
Student Board Member Presentation
January 18, 2022**

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

The lancers have kicked off the new year and were so excited! Lately we've been up to keeping up with our planning and preparing for our Winter Wonderland Formal! As well as adjusting things that need to be within our new covid guidelines! Our Lancers Lead Week, reliving the 2000's is coming up at the end of this month, and we can't wait for it to be the first of many! Using this "Lancers Lead Week" we will encourage our students to show their true Lancer Pride in the best ways possible! Loyalty, empathy, accountability, and determination all play a key part of it! Our students will be nominated by their teachers, then recognized at a rally assembly where each letter award will be explained, and games will be played! We will then continue with our students voting, and then recognizing all our amazing lancers who represent LEAD best! We've also had our classes working hard on their class dances to be showcased at our 8th grade visitation! During our 8th grade visitation our future lancers will learn all about what it means to be Lancer! On top of that they will each get a group tour of the whole East Union campus lead by their link crew leaders! They will be shown a special "Are you ready to be a Lancer" slideshow, and then even get to see a special mini rally performance all planned out just for them with specials from cheer, API, JROTC and so much more! We can't wait to see what else this year has to offer for us.

After a well-rested break Sierra High School is excited to be back on campus and ready to start their new year off strong! We concluded last month with finals and are starting fresh with our new classes. Coming up Sierra High is holding a club rush this Friday during lunch. Students will have the opportunity to sign up for various clubs. As well as learning new ways to be involved within our school and community. Also, leadership is in the process of planning a Winterfest week in the last week of January. Our theme is Coachella, and we are continuously adapting to the changes in protocols. Despite cancelling our Winterfest dance and rally, we are working on improving lunch time activities and creating a colorful campus with décor, along with dress up days to encourage our students to show their creative side and have fun! Sierra High School is constantly finding ways to improve student involvement while also following protocols and covid restrictions.

The cougars at Weston Ranch High School are back and better than ever! Ending off the year with our first ever Weston Ranch Community parade was a success! We had MASSIVE turn out! We had so many students and community members participate, and it was great to partner up with our feeder schools in this parade, and we look forward to making this an annual tradition.

Big shout out to Fina Vasquez and we also want to thank Kimberly Warmesley, Stockton City Council member, and our very own board representative Eric Duncan Sr for their help in getting the parade approved! As everyone is glad to be back, Winterfest is right around the corner, with a new twist to get more students and staff involved. All classes from 1st and 2nd period will be competing against each other to earn points based on spirit dress up days, teacher participation, door decorations, lunch time activities, and after school events, along with a can food drive! The top three classes with the highest number of points will receive prizes, and most importantly the first-place classroom will get to rep the newly, redesigned spirit stick until our next classroom competition. As there are many more events to come, WRHS is ready to have yet another great month and to keep the momentum going into the New Year!

Starting the year off right, the Lathrop Spartans have lots of plans for the month of January. Just last week, we had our Winterfest spirit week, Keeping Up with the Spartans, which was a huge success despite having to postpone our 3v3 basketball tournament and our rally. Students were able to dress up and participate in all different types of attire and activities, even the popular social media trend, "bring anything but a backpack". On January 26th, we have our Lunchtime Carnival. Clubs will be able to sell food and snacks that meet nutritional guidelines to students and staff. Students will also be able to enjoy music and games hosted by the leadership class. We hope this carnival will have our students get excited for our Winter Formal that week, called Hollywood Soiree, that will be held on campus that Saturday, the 29th. We will also be crowning our gender-neutral court candidates at the dance as well, which will be two Destiny Spartans (freshmen) and two Glory Spartans (juniors). This will be our first school dance since 2020 so we are very excited to be hosting it in our large gym. Guest contracts will also be an option for those that attend a high school within the district or those that have graduated in the last year from MUSD. We hope to continue keeping the year busy with exciting events and activities for our Spartans!

Overall, you can see the students of MUSD have been busy in the classroom and in activities on their campuses. Lastly, on behalf of the Student Board Members and I, we would like to say happy National School Board Recognition Month! We are very thankful for all of the hard work our board members have done to make students a priority. Thank you for your time, we look forward to sharing more events we have hosted and coming up next month.