



Manteca Unified School District Board of Education Meeting
Student Board Member Presentation
September 14th, 2021

Good evening, Superintendent Dr. Burke, President Duncan, and respected members of the MUSD Board of Education. This first month of the school year has been very eventful at our campuses across the district.

Lathrop High Spartans has had a successful month of opening our first in-person school year since the unprecedented pandemic. Lathrop High Band hosted their annual Alumni event called "Life Outside Bands." Life Outside Bands served as an opportunity for Lathrop High Band alumni to host a Q&A for life after high school, concerning the work force and college to the LHS VAPA students. The alumni highlighted the topics of mental health, the process of applying to colleges, and routes students can take if they decide not to attend college. Another event we had hosted was our first tailgate of the school year. The tailgate included clubs that hosted food sales, band and cheer performances, games, and music. This gave an opportunity for students and staff to enjoy being together for the first time in a while. A future event that we will be hosting is our Spartan Showdown Homecoming! We will be having a week full of versus days such as bikers vs. surfers, brains vs. brawns, and more. Homecoming royalty will be different this year as we are doing a gender-neutral court for the first time ever. Our senior royalty candidates will be referred to as Legacy Candidates and our sophomore royalty candidates will be referred to as Halo Candidates. This way of Homecoming royalty challenges the norm by creating an all-inclusive campus and serving as allies to our LGBTQ+ community on campus. We are excited for this month as this will be the beginning of more fun-filled school events that will be planned in ways we've never imagined.

The first month for Weston Ranch High School was nothing but success, with such great reviews and kind words spread about WRHS, more than 1,300 students were enrolled this year, which is up to more than 100 students that were enrolled last year! With that, on August 20th club rush in the quad was not only packed with many students socializing but exploring and getting involved with all the many different clubs on campus, with social distancing of course. Back to school night on the other hand was going to be held on August 18th but canceled and was moved to September 7th due to poor air quality. Back to school night went well, with many clubs and classes fundraising, along with parents getting to walk the campus and meet all teachers necessary. With all that said and done, WRHS is introducing the new Cougars Rising Program, a program in which to affirm and encourage students, promote achievement, increase school spirit and participation, and unify students and staff. Each month, Cougars Rising will focus on a word that reflects the vision of Weston Ranch High; the words are the heart of who we are and what we value, the words being Community, Optimistic, United, Grateful,

Ambitious, Resilient, and Selfless. Together the words make up the “Cougar Code”. Each teacher/staff member has four cards per month to award any student who shows excellence. Examples of student excellence are academics, arts, athletics, attendance, campus contribution, character, school spirit, and perseverance, then which staff will fill out a Cougars Rising card and give to the student. Students will then submit the card to the student services window in exchange for a Cougars Rising bracelet for that month. Additional bracelets are rewarded for things such as honor roll, student of the month, elite performer and performer of the week, outstanding aggie, perfect attendance, teachers’ choice, and impact. Cougars Rising card receipts are then entered into a weekly drawing to win prizes such as the Cougars Rising T-Shirts. Students who have at least 15 points, which are earned through the number of bracelets received, are rewarded a cougar patch. At the last month of the school year, a Cougars Rising Assembly and Teachers Choice Awards Night will be held. As the program rolls throughout the year, we hope to see students be the change that they wish to see at Weston Ranch High School.

This week Sierra High School is participating in their second day of Homecoming, their theme is the Olympics! Some events Sierra High School hosted was Club Rush on August 20th and the Dress Code Roundtable Discussion meeting on September 3rd. Club Rush showcased all the amazing clubs offered for our students on campus. The entire quad was filled with students signing up for clubs that was an interest for them. For the Dress Code Roundtable Discussion our ASB President Arveen Birdi, lead the meeting and had an open dialogue discussion about the dress code with admin and selected students. It will be an ongoing committee that is hoping to address issues impacting culture on campus. Lastly, Sierra High postponed Back to School night to last Thursday, and it was a success! Coming up, Sierra High School is scheduled to have a College Admissions Night for our Seniors on September 28th. It will help our Class of 2022 prepare for college. They will learn more about college admissions, expectations and roles as they relate to the prospective UC, CSU and Community College systems. They will be having an admissions representative from UC Merced, CSU Stanislaus and San Joaquin Delta College available to present information on all topics and more!

Leading into the second month of the school year, Manteca High began on August 31st with their “Honor the Code” Kickoff Assembly, one that freshmen were invited to learn about their school’s mission statement and to explain how students can be recognized and rewarded for their character as well as their hard work throughout the school year. Excited to be back for an in-person school year, MHS kicked off their senior walk-in rally for the class of 2022 where everyone was invited to attend to welcome the seniors to their last year of high school, participate in games, as well as were encouraged to attend the very first football game of the year to cheer on the buffaloes! Lastly, Manteca High will be kicking off Academy Day on September 16th where guest speaker Jeremy Bates from True Hope will speak to the freshmen as well as the sophomores about the culture of MHS as well as everything students can do to be successful people on campus!

Lancers have officially made it through the first quarter of the school year! Throughout this quarter we have all been working hard to keep up with events and planning, as well as finding more ways to help get our students involved! This month on September 17th, we have our first annual Fall Blood Drive with Vitaliant! This blood drive helps our students as well as staff give back to the community and helps to save lives! We are also working hard in preparation for our Fall Homecoming. Our themes this year will consist of a Lancers Must Watch List, based off Netflix T.V. Series hit shows! Our classes have been working hard preparing our floats for our homecoming game against Sierra! The E.U. Spirit Section has also been hitting it off! Our Red Sea and new spirit squad leaders have been doing so well with keeping our school spirit very high and working hard to make the games extra fun for everyone! At our last game against McNair our football team did very well, with JV winning 60 to 6, and Varsity also winning with 63 to 15. We were also lucky enough to have a DJ at our last game to join us in our Red Sea, and our crowd definitely went wild! With some exciting news our school, along with fellow EU alumni, is working on a brand-new Spirit Fight Song, to help our school spirit shine! We couldn't be more excited, and we can't wait for the band to officially perform our new song at our Fall homecoming game this month! We are looking to be even more inclusive and to have our students connected to the school, as well as continue with our Lancer traditions more than ever. We want all students to feel like they belong to EU and want them to have a social outlet, and the best high school experience possible. Thank you and go lancers!

Thank you for your time and we are honored to serve Manteca Unified and its students during the 2021-2022 school year.