

Pleasant Hill Education Commission Newsletter

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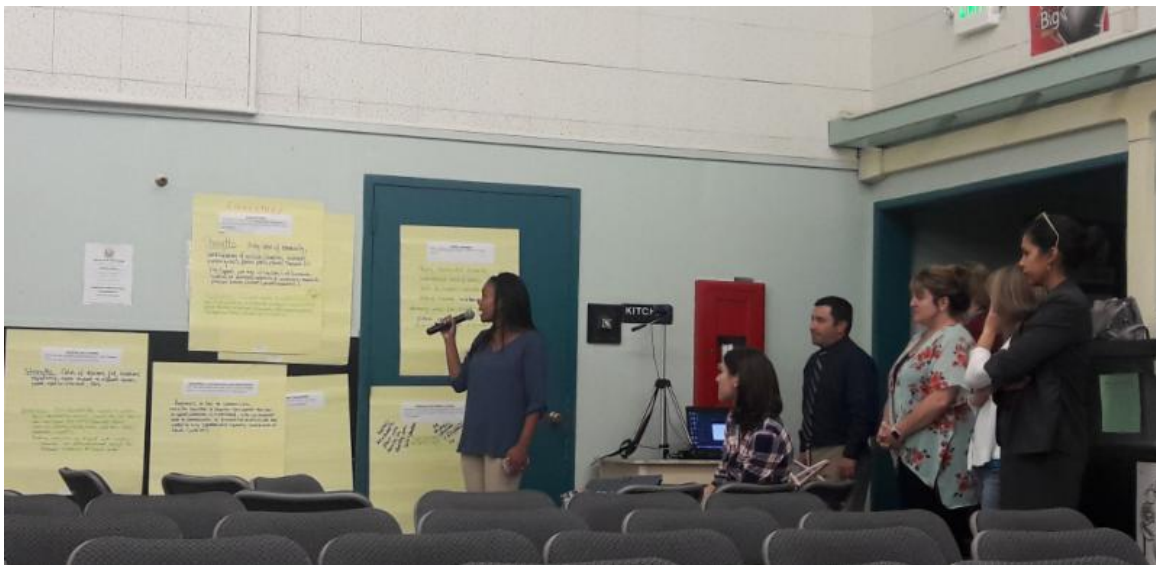


MDUSD College Fair

The 5th Annual MDUSD College Fair is on Tuesday, October 24th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Ygnacio Valley High School. More than 90 representatives from colleges and universities across the country will be there.

The fair is open to high school students in the district. You must show your MDUSD school ID to enter

[Email for more information](#)



MDUSD Community Conversation Series

On October 11th, Dr. Nellie Meyer and other MDUSD staff visited Valley View Middle School as part of the District's Community Conversation Series. Per the District, the goal of this series is to, "Bring families and area residents together with MDUSD leadership to share insights related to district successes and challenges. Each meeting will be preceded by classroom visits and discussions with teachers, and students."

Dr. Meyer gave an overview of the Local Control Area Plan (LCAP), explained the District's budget including the spending of reserves, and discussed current personnel needs. Dr. Meyer made a particular note of the positive gains in the area of personnel, noting that for the 17/18 school year, all classrooms opened with permanent teachers.

Community Conversation meetings will be conducted throughout the fall. All feedback received will be collected and reported out to the entire MDUSD community in December.

If you were not able to attend the Community Conversation meeting, there are still many, many ways to get involved with education issues that impact Pleasant Hill! See the list below for ideas at the city, district, and county/state level.

City

Join your school's PTA or Parent/Faculty Club.

- [Gregory Gardens Elementary PTA](#)
 - [Fair Oaks Elementary PFC](#)
 - [Hidden Valley Elementary PFC](#)
 - [Pleasant Hill Elementary PTA](#)
 - [Sequoia Elementary SPA](#)
 - [Strandwood Elementary PTA](#)
 - [Valhalla Elementary VPFA](#)
 - [Pleasant Hill Middle PTSA](#)
 - [Sequoia Middle PFC Valley View Middle PTSA](#)
 - [College Park High School PTSA](#)
1. Attend your School Site Council (SSC) or English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting. You don't have to be a formal member of the SSC or ELAC to attend and give your input!
 2. Attend a [Pleasant Hill Education Commission](#) meeting. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesdays of the month and public comment is welcome.
 3. Participate in a [Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education](#) event. Many volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year.
 4. Participate in an education event at the Pleasant Hill Library. For example this month, the [Pleasant Hill Library](#) is sponsoring both the "One City, One Read" program as well as library building design contest.
 5. Don't forget higher education! [Diablo Valley College](#) sponsors many community education events throughout the year. For example, in October, Political Science DVC faculty, Albert Ponce Ph.D will be presenting a lecture titled, "White Supremacy in the United States of America," exploring how race, law and violence, or *racial violence* has been and continues to be an integral facet of American law and society. See website to register.

District

1. Attend a [LCAP](#) meeting or one of the [LCAP Speaker Series](#) events. The first Speaker Series is in October and is titled, "What Every Parent Needs to Know about Tech and Their Student."
2. Join a [MDUSD committee](#), or just attend a committee meeting to learn more about District operations. The [Parent Advisory Council \(PAC\)](#) is a particularly important committee. It is comprised of parent representatives from each school. They meet with the Superintendent and other district staff on a monthly basis during the school year to help implement and monitor the elements of the Local Control Accountability Plan.
3. Attend a [MDUSD Board Meeting](#). Regular meetings are typically held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Dent Center, 1936 Carlotta Drive, Concord and public comment is welcome. Board meetings are also broadcast on the Clayton Valley Charter High radio station [KVHS 90.5](#).
4. Attend or volunteer at another District event. One upcoming event is the MDUSD College Fair on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:30, Ygnacio Valley High School, 755 Oak Drive, Concord.

County/State

1. Attend a [Contra Costa County Education Board Meeting](#). The the Board meets at 5:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) in the Board Room of The Ronald L. Stewart Center, Contra Costa County Office of Education, 77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill.
2. Attend a [Contra Costa County Community College District Board Meeting](#). The Governing Board typically meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the District Office Board Room at the George R. Gordon Education Center, located at 500 Court Street, Martinez. Most meetings begin with a closed session at 5:00 p.m., followed by open session at 6:00 p.m. Public comment is welcome.
3. Learn more about [California State Board of Education](#) committees.