



May 5, 2020



Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program

OVSD is proud to announce that beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the District will be offering a Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program at Harbour View Elementary School for students entering kindergarten or 1st grade. A dual language immersion program develops bilingualism and biliteracy in English and a second language by integrating English learners (ELs) with English speakers (proficient in English). Dual language immersion programs prepare students to become global citizens in a multilingual/multicultural world by providing opportunities to

become proficient in two languages. The program goals for students in our new Spanish Dual Language Immersion Program are to:

- Think, speak, read, and write fluently in English and Spanish
- Achieve academically at or above grade level in two languages
- Develop and cultivate an understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures
- Acquire a sense of respect and responsibility for each other, the school, community, our country, and the world

The benefits of Dual Language Immersion include:

- Enhanced Academic Competence
- Increased Job Opportunities
- Higher Levels of Engagement
- Improved empathy and cultural awareness

The Intent to Enroll Window opens May 7th, and there will be informational Parent Meetings via Zoom on May 14 & 27. For additional information, [see the *Dual Language Immersion Program presentation*](#).

Elimination of Positions and Services

The Board of Trustees approved Resolution No. 20:1920, implementing the elimination of six bus driver positions and one lead mechanic position due to lack of work and/or lack of funds. The Trustees also approved Resolution No. 23:1920, implementing the elimination of one .6 FTE certificated position as a result of a reduction or discontinuation of particular kinds of services. These reductions are part of OVSD's Fiscal Stabilization Plan and will result in a cost savings of \$340,134 to the General Fund.

Board Adopts Week of the Employee Resolution

May 11-15 will serve as "Week of the Employee" throughout OVSD in recognition of the significant contributions and dedication of our valued certificated, classified, and administrative staff.

