

# **Board Connections**

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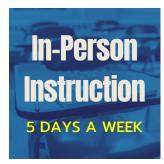
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### **Construction Update**

Dr. Michael Conroy, Deputy Superintendent, provided a pictorial presentation on progress being made in the Marine VIew modernization. Seismic retrofits are being made in the former Dance Room, which will be the new Food Services Building, and the former Library Building, which will be the new Woodshop and Art Building. In addition, Dr. Conroy shared new murals that will adorn the walls at Marine View that depict

Huntington Beach history and iconic scenes including the wetlands, harbor, beach, pier, and surfing. *View update here.* 



#### **Plans to Increase In-Person Instruction**

Dr. Carol Hansen, Superintendent, provided the Board with a presentation outlining a plan to bring elementary students, currently in the in-person instructional model, back to school five days a week. She shared that COVID-19 rates have steeply declined in Orange County and OVSD since January, many school employees are currently getting vaccinated, and the California Department of Public Health has decreased social distancing requirements for schools from six feet to four feet.

Dr. Hansen expressed that OVSD is committed to working collectively with union leadership, negotiations teams, administrators, and staff to get all elementary students back on campus five days a week. Before we welcome more students on campus we will need to:

- Reconfigure elementary classroom layouts to accommodate more students with the minimum four feet social distancing requirement.
- Hire additional elementary staff and create additional elementary classes on each campus in available rooms. (In some instances, elementary students will have a new teacher.)
- Reassess safety protocols to keep classrooms safe, emphasizing layers of protection and mitigation strategies.

We are focusing on increasing time in school for elementary students right now but we will continue to look at ways to improve the existing Hybrid schedule at middle school. Dr. Hansen also stated that OVSD fully intends to open the 2021-22 school year with K-8 students being in-person 5 days a week and that we will continue to offer our Virtual Academy as well. *View presentation here.* 



## **2nd Interim Budget Report**

Dr. Michael Conroy, Deputy Superintendent, provided the Trustees with the 2021-22 2nd Interim Budget Report. He discussed the most current budget information and OVSD's five significant budget challenges that include: declining enrollment, low schools enrollment, encroachment, high personnel

costs, and the economic impact of COVID-19. The Board approved submitting the 2nd Interim Report with a Positive Certification to the OCDE. *View report here.*