



## DISTRICT UPDATE

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# BUILDING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE



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Over the past five years, we have worked diligently to build a culture of excellence in SLUSD.

The progress we've made reflects the passion and commitment of the entire community -- and for that, I am deeply thankful. Every student in San Leandro deserves a high-quality education that thoroughly prepares them to be critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, effective communicators and active citizens. This report highlights our accomplishments to date.

We've made significant progress in college and career readiness. We integrated project-based learning into our classrooms, motivating our students and fostering a love of learning. Additionally, Measure J1 Bond funding is modernizing our learning environments and technology.

These are just a few of the many improvements we are making to build a culture of excellence in our San Leandro schools. Thank you for your ongoing support in educating the future generations of lifelong learners.

Sincerely,  
**Mike McLaughlin, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent

**BUILDING  
EXCELLENCE  
IN TEACHING  
AND LEARNING**



## BRINGING INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND CURRICULUM INTO THE CLASSROOM

### *Project-Based Learning (PBL)*

PBL encourages active learning by addressing authentic challenging questions that students encounter in their lives, at home, or in their community. Knowledge is developed in and beyond the classroom using real-world processes. Through collaborative, critically engaged work, students develop the **skills needed to thrive in careers today**. See PBL in action at <http://pbl.slusd.us/>

### *English Language Arts/English Language Development (ELA/ELD) Curriculum Adoption*

To prepare our diverse students for today's expanding literacy demands, we adopted **new K-12 standards-aligned curriculum**. Rich informational and literary texts are balanced with integrated language development. Students will develop information, media, visual and computer literacy skills as they work in both digital and traditional environments. Through our new curriculum, our teachers continue to support the academic and linguistic learning needs of all students in SLUSD.

# BUILDING EQUITY AND INCLUSION BY HELPING EVERY STUDENT PLAN FUTURE PATHS

From college-level curriculum and college applications to career planning and pathways, we support students as they develop their long-range goals.

The College Board recognized us as the AP District of the Year, one of three districts out of 13,000 school districts in the nation to win this prestigious honor. We were selected as a national leader in **expanding access** to Advanced Placement courses while simultaneously **improving AP Exam performance**.

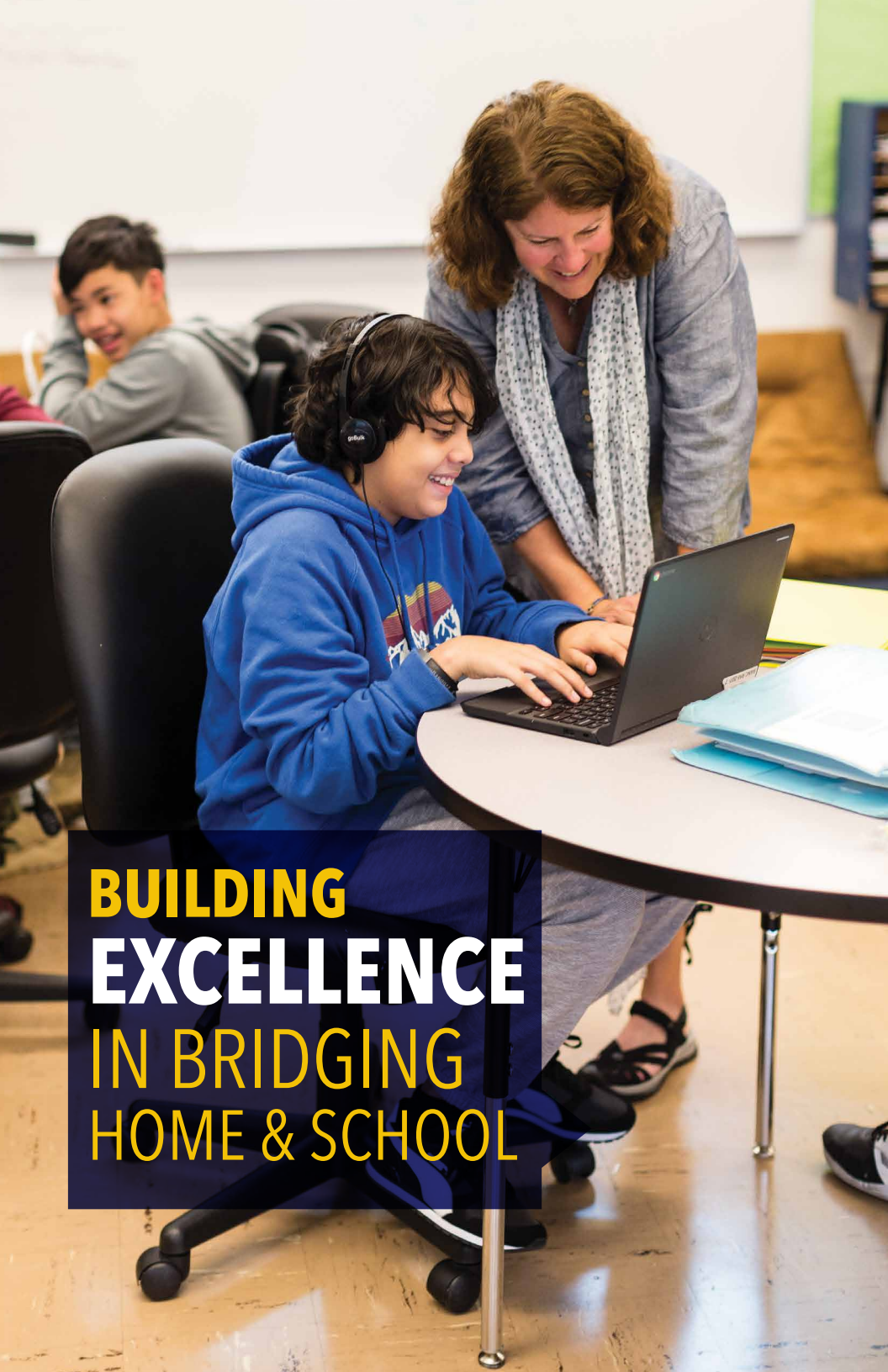
The PSAT and the SAT come free of charge during the school day to **remove any financial barriers** in the college application process. Students can also access customized online test-prep classes through our partnership with Khan Academy.

Our Career Pathways program immerses students in necessary coursework for today's leading industries. After developing a **personalized 10-year plan** in 9th grade, students focus on rigorous college-preparatory curriculum blended with career-specific skill development and work-based learning opportunities.



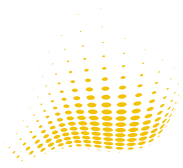


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THROUGH  
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HOME & SCHOOL





## *Student success depends on* **strong** family connections

To better connect families with what's happening in our schools, we have key staff at every site who help all families feel connected to the school community, **in the languages they speak at home.**

At our enrollment centers, we have prioritized personal assistance in multiple languages. Our home portal also gives families the option to **enroll electronically in three easy steps.**

Recognizing that health and nutrition are fundamental components of educational achievement, we offer **universal free breakfast every day at every school.**



# BUILDING EXCELLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS AND CLASSROOMS

## *Your J1 Bond Dollars at **Work***

Thanks to San Leandro voters who passed Measure J1, we are actively completing projects that are making our schools **better places to learn**. With heating and air conditioning, innovative technology, fully remodeled libraries and maker spaces, and hydration stations, each campus will continue to see transformational improvements over the next few years.

Learn more at [slusd.us/j1bond](http://slusd.us/j1bond)



A young girl with long dark hair, wearing a yellow floral t-shirt and a grey hoodie, is sitting on a blue desk in a classroom. She has her mouth open and her right hand raised high, as if participating in a lesson. Other students in maroon hoodies are visible in the background, some also with their hands raised. The classroom has blue bookshelves filled with books.

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