

# 2022-2023 school year annual report

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## Superintendent's Update

On behalf of the Del Mar Union School District, we are pleased to bring you our 2022-2023 Annual Report. Our superior school system is characterized by student-centered decision making, high-quality instruction, exceptionally skilled staff, and a vibrant parent community.

This year was a remarkable year in DMUSD, as our district recognized the ambitious goals that had been accomplished throughout our strategic plan, *District Design 2022!* The strategic plan we embarked on five years ago intentionally addressed educational trends and forecasts, curriculum issues and priorities, and facility concepts and needs. Today, the learning of our students is grounded in deep thinking and conceptual understanding. Our schools are places where students have more agency; where they believe in themselves and act intentionally to activate academic and social skills to reach their potential.

DMUSD has continued to be at the forefront of education with high standards, innovative teaching and learning, and meaningful experiences that develop our students' abilities to think, plan, create, and question. I invite you to take a few minutes to review this summary of the previous twelve months in our district.

Sincerely,



Holly McClurg, PhD  
Superintendent



## What sets DMUSD apart?



DMUSD is a district of thinking, inspiration, and impact. Our students experience a high-quality instructional core with our top-performing staff who ground teaching and learning in two research-based frameworks: Creating a Culture of Thinking and the Essential Elements of Instruction.

### CULTURES OF THINKING

Builds dynamic learning communities that engage students in critical thinking and promotes deep content knowledge.

### ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INSTRUCTION

Our instructional framework provides elements to consider when planning for effective instruction.

“Focusing on every student, every day.”

**9**  
elementary  
schools

**588**  
teachers &  
support staff

**3,810**  
K through  
6th grade students

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gee Wah Mok, Esq, *President*  
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# Who Are Our Students?



All DMUSD students are members of Generation Alpha, the first generation fully born in the 21st century. They are shaped by increased technology, globalization, connectivity, and innovation.

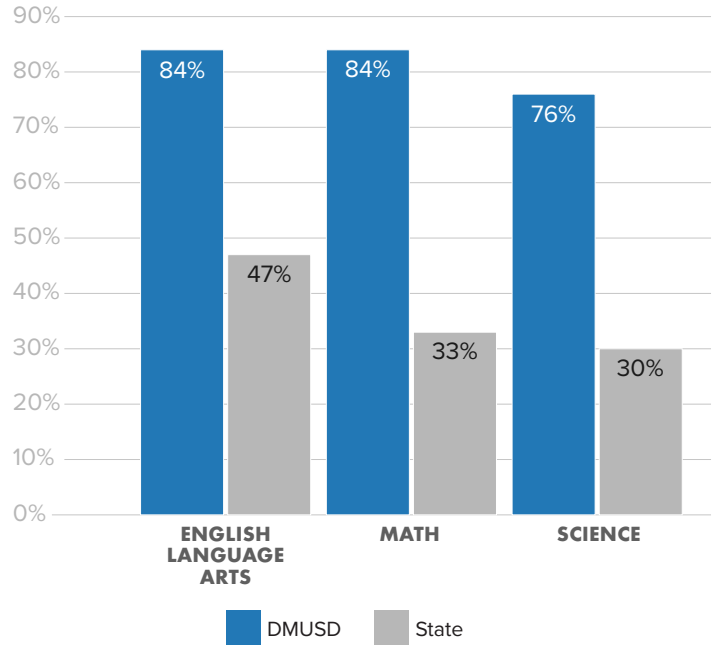
They may never use cash, own a car, or vote in a polling booth.

# We are Action Oriented

We continue to see the school experience from our students' perspective. This past year, we transformed 44 additional learning spaces, opened our 9th school, expanded the Spanish Language Immersion Program, piloted and adopted a history-social science curriculum, and were recognized for outstanding academic achievement while continuing to revolutionize the traditional school system.

# We are Accomplished

CA STATE ASSESSMENTS  
percentage of students meeting and exceeding expectations



\*DMUSD Data reflects 2023 preliminary performance levels. State data represents 2022 performance levels as 2023 state data has not yet been released.



Our STEAM+ program provides robust and engaging instruction in the arts, science, physical education, Spanish, and innovation and technology. Highly skilled, credentialed STEAM+ specialists provide opportunities for students to engage in hands-on, authentic experiences to inspire the joy of learning.

The Del Mar Schools Education Foundation (DMSEF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that raises funds to support additional specialized credentialed teachers in the DMUSD STEAM+ program.



# Destination → 2028!

Building upon the foundation laid by District Design 2022, over 100 members of the school and community collaborated to share ideas that helped develop the District's new strategic plan, *Destination 2028!*, and bring the plan to life. Key components:

## VISION

The unrelenting pursuit of the extraordinary school experience.

## MISSION

To ignite genius and empower students to advance the world.

## BELIEF STATEMENT

We must seize opportunities to revolutionize the traditional school system to better prepare today's students. A wise investment in time and resources will radically change and improve the school experience.

## PORTRAIT OF A LEARNER

Our aspirations for all our students, identifying the skills, mindsets, and competencies that our students need for success in this rapidly changing world.



## FOUR LEVERS

Our work as a District begins with these priority areas.

**01.**  
LEARNING  
EXPERIENCE

**02.**  
RESPONSIVE AND  
CARING CULTURE

**03.**  
STEWARDSHIP  
OF RESOURCES

**04.**  
DESIGN  
INFLUENCE





# Facilities Funds

## \$186 Million

### Districtwide Projects

- Classroom and Shared Learning Spaces
- Outdoor Learning Spaces
- Play Structure Replacements
- Field Improvements
- Facility Improvements/Modernizations

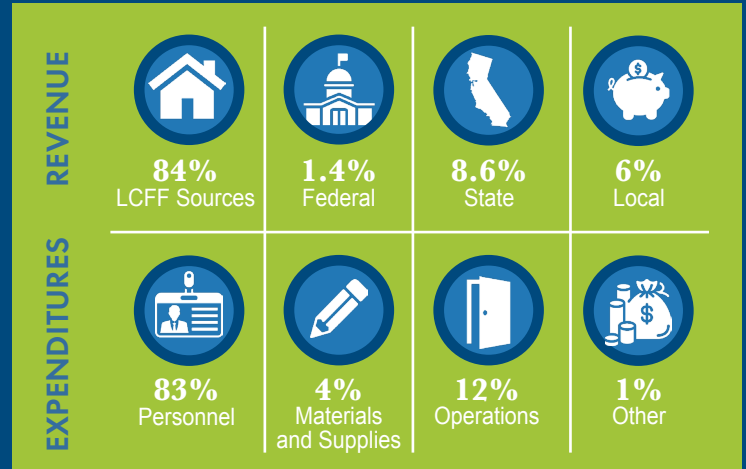


# Revenue & Expenditures

(2023-2024 Adopted Budget)

**Total Revenue: \$74,042,879**

**Expenditures: \$74,042,879**



## Funding

The District budget supports the priorities of the strategic plan, *Destination 2028!*, and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Through a commitment to proactive fiscal planning and the maintenance of a strong reserve for a community funded district, DMUSD maintains the strong academic program that the district is known for.

# DEL MAR HEIGHTS SCHOOL

*Designed with and for the local community*

- Anticipated completion in May 2024
- Flexible, modern learning environment designed for today's students
- Student safety at the forefront - security cameras, single point of entry, security fencing, buildings as a boundary to access
- Energy efficient and environmentally conscious - solar power, natural lighting, high-efficiency systems
- Improved ingress, egress, and parking to reduce neighborhood congestion and improve walkability
- Designed to maximize access to indoor and outdoor learning spaces
- Project approved by San Diego Planning Commission, San Diego City Council, Division of the State Architect



**535**  
student  
capacity

**21**  
K-6  
classrooms

**3**  
new play  
structures

**39**  
additional parking  
spots (80 total)

Architect's Rendering

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