



EAST SIDE
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Silicon Valley

Preparing every student to thrive in a global society.



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New School Year, Strong New Beginnings

Dear Staff & Friends of East Side Union High School District,

The new school year always brings forward a sense of renewal, hope and challenges that we must face together. The first three weeks of school has reinforced this thought.

We have weathered quite a storm together during the recession. We recognize that the cooperative sacrifices of all three bargaining units, ESTA, CSEA and AFT, enabled the district to remain financially stable. It is a real credit to their collective professionalism to note that during this difficult time graduation rates continued to increase, drop out rates declined and overall academic achievement improved.



When the economy in Silicon Valley is booming, traffic is horrible and housing prices skyrocket. Even our most experienced teachers who earn more than \$140,000 per year, including benefits, find it difficult to afford a home without having to endure a long commute. [Read more...](#)

Our Teachers go to Yale!

6 East Side teachers participated in the Yale National Fellows program, a two-week intensive professional development program. The following teachers participated: William Cavada (Mt. Pleasant HS), Glenn Davis (Overfelt HS), Joe Van Sambeek (Calero HS), Jennifer L. Vermillion (Oak Grove HS), Vanessa Vitug (Mt. Pleasant HS), and Lawrence E. Yee (Overfelt HS). Click [here](#) for more information.



Measure I Ed Tech Bond 300+ Teachers get Google Training

It was a busy summer in technology! We had 340 teachers receive training, more than 90 took training towards becoming certificated Google Trainers, 25 have taken an advanced course and 8 teachers have already begun taking and passing exams! Click [here](#) for more information.

Piedmont Hills HS Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

Graduates dating back to the class of 1966 were present at this year's 50th anniversary celebration. PHHS alumni and students performed the musical, *A Chorus Line*. Click [here](#) for more information.



Bond Oversight Annual Report

Measures E, G, I and Technology Measure I were passed under the rules Proposition 39, which directs that the Board of Trustees appoint a Citizens Bond Oversight Committee. Click [here](#) for more information.

Stop the Violence Movement

Council member Magdalena Carrasco is hosting STV Peace Walks to help end violence in our East San Jose community. The first event will take place Monday, August 31st. Click [here](#) for more information.

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