



Manhattan Beach Unified School District

# Superintendent's Newsletter

June 16, 2017

Dr. Michael D. Matthews, Superintendent



Mira Costa High School



Manhattan Beach Middle School



## Congratulations and Thank You!

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! Thank you for your 13 year effort to make the most of your potential, and thank you for all of your contributions to our schools and our community. We wish you luck as you move on to the next stage of your amazing lives!

Congratulations also to our promoting 5th graders and 8th graders. Your ceremonies were wonderful, and we wish you luck in your new schools next year!

There are so many people to thank. First and foremost, thank you to the 775 employees who take care of

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our 6,658 students. Thank you to our talented, caring, and incredibly hard working teachers for making a difference every day. Thank you to every other talented, caring, and incredibly hard working employee who supports great teaching in our classrooms - our classified staff, our administrators, and all who make our schools run so well. I am so proud of our MBUSD team and the difference we make in students' lives.

Thank you to our parents, our volunteers, and our supporting organizations - MBEF, PTA, and MBX. MBEF had a very strong fundraising year, and the MBEF Endowment had a record year! We are one of the lowest funded school districts in the state, but that is mitigated through the tens of thousands of volunteer hours, inspirational volunteer leadership, and incredible fundraising efforts - all on behalf of our students!

Congratulations and Thank You to All!!!!

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## The Year in Review

2016-17 has been a wonderful year in MBUSD. From passing our two bond measures and hiring architects to design that work, to seeing our students demonstrate strong academic gains, to focusing on the social emotional wellness of our students, to our commitment to continuous improvement, it's been outstanding. Click [here](#) for a more detailed list of our accomplishments this year.



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### New Faces in District Leadership



Jessica Bledsoe  
MCHS VP

Tara Grings  
MCHS VP

Dr. Katherine  
Whittaker Stopp  
Ass't Sup't  
Ed Services

Dr. Karina Gerger  
Pennkamp  
Principal

Michelle Krzmarzick  
Meadows  
Principal



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I was so impressed by the students who spoke from their hearts at Mira Costa's graduation ceremony. They graciously allowed me to share their speeches with the rest of the community. To read each student's speech, just click on their picture. Clockwise from top left: Allison Roth, Kelly Sidney, Andrea Gonzalez-Karch, Curtis Lovegren.



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Thanks for all you do to support our students and our schools. Have a safe and fantastic summer with your families. [Here is the MBUSD calendar for 2017-18](#). We will see you on August 23!



**Mike Matthews**

**MBUSD Superintendent**



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