

Board Report

2008/09 GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

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<http://dixiesd.marin.k12.ca.us>

☺ **Congratulations To This Year's Consistent Achievers!**

DX: Brandon Wong/John Traverso
 MES: Maria Caliz/Daniel Elmore
 VAL: Haripriya Mandelli/Ricardo Reyes
 MC: Shannon Gerrity/Boris DeLeon

AWARDS! AWARDS! AWARDS!

San Rafael Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Education Awards:

Hung Pham, Dixie School Support Staff
 Janai Meschery, Miller Creek Teacher
 Betty Jordan, Vallecito Principal

Marin County School Administrators Administration (MCSAA) Awards:

Outstanding Confidential Staffmember
 Shelli King, Vallecito Library Assist.

Citizen Award Service to Education

Sheila Jones, Dixie School Parent

2008/09 Golden Bell Award:

Outstanding Marin County Educator:
 Tracey Osterman, Scott Zellers, Rebecca Minnich, and Suzi Wayne

Outstanding Classified Employee:

Adrienne Brooks and Marian Previtali

Miller Creek 2009 California Distinguished School!

The Miller Creek team chose to focus the Distinguish School Application on year two of Read 180 Intervention and the MC "Connect" Initiatives that have grown out of the YES (Youth Empowered Services) Community Service Program, pro-active counseling services, WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Program, Peer Tutoring Program, and Student Roundtable Support Team. The team hosted a site validation visit on March 6th that included staff, students and parents. The Team will be at the Los Angeles Disneyland Convention Center on May 29th to receive the award!

...CONGRATULATIONS!
2009 Elementary and Secondary Marin County Science Fair Winners

Dixie Elementary School:

Dario Apodaca, 4 th Matthew Kermoyan, 4 th Kevin Gao, 4 th David Smirnoff, 4 th	Grand Prize
Julia Wilson, 5 th Tyler Bortel, 4 th Alex Price, 4 th Emily Irish, 5 th Robert Moir, 5 th Nathaniel Grgurina, 5 th Baden Swallow, 5 th	1 st Place 2 nd Place
Erin Rose Charlton, 4 th Elena Cavender, 4 th Ishan Paranjape, 5 th	3 rd Place

Mary E. Silveira Elementary School:

Mia Lakritz, 5 th Lucy Martino, 5 th	1 st Place
Teresa Gerhold, 5 th Emilie Krone, 5 th Rachel Banta, 5 th Amber Lane-Bortell, 5 th	2 nd Place
Mia Stein, 5 th	3 rd Place

Vallecito Elementary School:

Jesse Grove, 5 th Melissa Carey, 5 th Ashley Bottomley, 5 th Adriana Babicz, 5 th	1 st Place
Trevor Slack, 4 th Lukas Troller, 4 th Audrey Barth, 5 th Taylor Saling, 5 th	2 nd Place
Emma Roggenkamp, 4 th	3 rd Place

Miller Creek Middle School:

Jason Pallavicini, 6 th Ricardo Molina, 6 th A.J. Hawkey, 6 th Sara Evans, 6 th Melissa Rule, 6 th Dylan Slack, 6 th Nivie Oron, 6 th Naomi Johnson, 6 th	2 nd Place
Starchild Katz, 6 th Sidd Lee, 6 th Zachary Anderson-Jew, 6 th Nicholas Campagna, 6 th Isabella Pilgaard, 6 th Chiara Cameron, 6 th Sophie Leporte, 6 th Sydney Norman, 6 th	3 rd Place

UPCOMING MUSICAL EVENTS!

5/20 Choral Festival MC
 5/27 Orchestra Festival MC
 6/1 Dixie Elementary Concert
 6/2 Vallectio Elementary Concert
 6/2 MES Elementary Concert

STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION,

TUESDAY - MAY 19, 2009

At the April 28th Dixie School Board Meeting the School Board approved a resolution in support of statewide special election propositions:

1A: Rainy Day Stabilization Fund, 1B: Education Funding Payment Plan, and 1C: Lottery Modernization Act

The full District resolution is on the reverse of this report and is posted on the Dixie District website



In an effort to keep the parents of Dixie students informed of issues addressed by the Governing Board, this publication is being sent home with your child. If you would like further information on any items in this report, please call 415/492-3700.

DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Resolution No. 2008/09-08
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
IN SUPPORT OF STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION, MAY 19, 2009,
PROPOSITION 1A, 1B and 1C**

WHEREAS, California's public schools, colleges and universities are facing more than \$11 billion in state budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, with the recently passed budget package, California students who already live in a state that ranks 47th in the nation in per-pupil spending on an adjusted basis, will be forced to endure an additional cut of nearly \$2,000 per student; and

WHEREAS, these cuts are causing the elimination of art, music, physical education, career and technical education programs and threaten the education of an entire generation of children; and

WHEREAS, these cuts are leading to the layoffs of teachers, counselors, librarians, principals, bus drivers, custodians, safety officers and other school personnel who provide services to students; and

WHEREAS, California has to reform its dysfunctional budget system to provide stability and to protect funding for our schools; and

WHEREAS, Propositions 1A, 1B, and 1C on California's May 19, 2009 Special Election Ballot will generate short-term revenues to help us get out of this unprecedented fiscal crisis, establish long-term budget reforms to stabilize and lay out a responsible timeline for repaying school districts and the massive cuts they have incurred; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A will stabilize future state spending and create an enhanced "rainy day" reserve fund that will help protect funding for vital programs like education, public safety and health care; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1B starts the process of paying back our schools and community colleges more than \$9 billion they were cut, and are owed under the minimum school funding law. The payments to schools would come out of the newly-created rainy day fund established by Prop. 1A and are dependent on the passage of Prop. 1A; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1C will modernize the State Lottery and allow our state to immediately raise \$5 billion in new revenues to help with this year's budget deficit and billions more in future years. It also guarantees that public schools will receive the same amount of funds they currently receive from the lottery; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DIXIE SCHOOL BOARD formally endorses Propositions 1A, 1B and 1C on the California May 2009 Special Election Ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby authorize the listing of DIXIE SCHOOL BOARD in support of Propositions 1A, 1B and 1C and direct staff to fax this resolution to the Budget Reform Now Coalition at 916/442-3510.

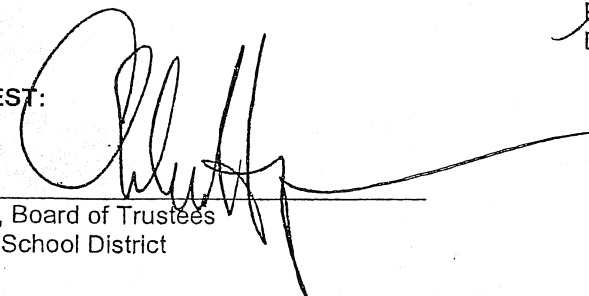
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Dixie School District this 28th day of April, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0



President, Board of Trustees
Dixie School District

ATTEST:



Clerk, Board of Trustees
Dixie School District