

# CUSD/CCHD/CCSD NEWSLETTER

To coordinate and collaborate to the benefit of the community, presidents of our three districts have been meeting to work on areas of common interest. We have discussed sharing facilities, gas and diesel, and other resources. Another product of our meetings is this newsletter. We hope to publish it every quarter to keep you more informed about our activities.

## CUSD UPDATE

*Board President, Samuel Shalhoub*

Superintendent Scott Smith of Cayucos Elementary School District has agreed to work with our district for the 2019-20 academic year as part of a Shared Services Agreement between CUSD and CESD. This agreement can be extended for an additional two years.

Fiscally, our district continues to offer competitive pay and benefits to our wonderfully dedicated faculty and staff. We currently are operating with a 12% reserve for economic uncertainty.

Please send your feedback on this newsletter to any of our e-mails – Thanks!!

A new administrative position of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services has been filled by Kyle Martin, who serves concurrently as Principal of Santa Lucia Middle School. Kyle Martin and Scott Smith work in tandem to provide administrative oversight of the district.

Recently we celebrated the 39 Coast Union High School graduates who matriculated in 2019 and continue to give thanks to our community who so generously donated roughly \$140,000 in grants and scholarships to promote their college and career success.

Santa Lucia Middle School earned a prestigious Distinguished School Award this year, and our high school achieved the rank of second place among the top performing schools within San Luis Obispo County. Additionally, we continue to have one of the best Cyber Security teams in California, and consistently out-perform our competition in FFA events and agricultural studies.

Cambria Grammar School continues to develop excellent character in our youth, through the Peace Leader Promise and programs that encourage a Growth Mindset. Additionally, English Language Development programs support the needs of a majority of our young student population.

Ultimately, the Coast Unified School District is healthy and stable. Our Governing Board is focused on student academic success, while remaining fiscally responsible. If you have any ideas, comments, or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to our District Office: 1-805-927-3880 or [district@coastusd.org](mailto:district@coastusd.org)

## CCHD UPDATE

*Board President,  
Barbara Bronson Gray*

We began the year with several significant challenges, including a budget deficit, an aging ambulance fleet and deferred maintenance on our property. The news in these areas is encouraging.

We have approved 2019-2020 budget that includes cost savings toward eliminating our long-standing deficit.

## CCHD UPDATE, Continued

We have purchased a new ambulance and have developed a regular maintenance schedule to ensure the health of our fleet.

We no longer have a District-owned vehicle used for commuting.

We are conducting a thorough review of our buildings and property and are preparing to resolve any identified issues. We have budgeted for important improvements to the property, such as repaving the parking lot and properly maintaining the slopes and trees behind our buildings.

We sought and received a Fire Safe grant that paid for necessary tree trimming on our property.

Local medical services have been enhanced by a new First California Physician Practice medical clinic staffed by one full-time internal medicine physician, an addition of a one-day-a-week physician to the Community Health Centers (CHC) clinic in Cambria, and a house-call-based medical practice.

In partnership with the SLO Public Health Department, we offered a well-attended and well-reviewed six-week fall prevention program this spring.

## We're also planning to:

--Explore new opportunities to recruit additional healthcare services to Cambria. CHC has told us it plans to move to space on Tamsen Drive sometime by early next year, and our medical building will most likely be available for additional health services.

--Establish a foundation that will help us fund additional improvements through donations and grants.

--Seek grants to support the purchase of needed equipment and capital building needs.

The Board and Staff very much appreciate the community's interest in what we do. Please let us know what you think. Feel free to call me at 805.927.5176 or email me at [bbgray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bbgray@sbcglobal.net).

## CCSD UPDATE

Board President, David Pierson

Three Standing Committees were formed, and we have five community volunteers serving on each of the Policy, Finance, and Resources and Infrastructure Committees.

The Dog Park was relocated to the East Ranch area of the Fiscalini Preserve

The former Dog Park on East Main Street has been repurposed and the Old Schoolhouse will soon be moved there by the Cambria Historical Society to provide another peek at our history for residents and visitors.

The District made grant applications for Wildfire Fuel Reduction funds and for Wastewater Plant Upgrade funds. Although unsuccessful on the Wastewater Fund this time the District staff is continuing to look at grant opportunities at every chance.

The "evaporation pond" was formally emptied and closed.

We continue to make progress on the Regular Coastal Development Permit for the Emergency Water Plant (SWF). We are moving toward a date with the County Planning Commission by the end of the year.

The 2019/20 Preliminary Budget has been set. This is a tribute to the hard work done by the Standing Committees.

The Board and staff very much appreciate the community's interest in what we do. Please contact me at [dpierson@cambriacsd.org](mailto:dpierson@cambriacsd.org).