

# KENTFIELD VIEW

UNLEASHING THE LEARNER WITHIN

## From the Superintendent

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Liz Schott

Looking back on 2018-2019, there is so much to appreciate. The fortitude of the Bacich community during a construction process that turned their world upside down was remarkable. Staff members gave up their work spaces, doubled up in classrooms, parked off site, and endured noise and dust. The PTA's TLC was over-the-top, the leadership of Sally Peck and Methinee Bozeman kept the lid on, and in the end it will all be worth it. But the struggle was real, and everyone involved deserves a huge pat on the back.

Kent welcomed its new leader Grant Althouse with open arms and knocked it out of the park in their first year together. *Together We Can*, a collective impact initiative designed to focus community service and outreach, launched with great success.

Long-term School Board members Juli Kauffman, Cynthia Roenisch, and Ashley Paff, whose service to the district lives on in our exceptional programs and upgraded facilities, left their seats. The community elected two new members in November and the Board appointed a third in January. Sarah Killingsworth, Davina Goldwasser, and David Riedel join Quoc Tran and Heather McPhail Sridharan as the governing body of the district.

Looking ahead to 2019-2020, we start with the excitement of a ribbon cutting at Bacich to open the new administrative offices, classrooms and courtyard. Construction will continue into next summer on the restroom improvements at both sites.

Students and staff will enjoy new furnishings that are designed to optimize teaching and learning. They will also benefit from updated science curriculum at both schools, and social studies curriculum at Kent.

In October, the Board will embark on a process to develop a new strategic plan with the help of a large committee representing all stakeholder groups. This long-term roadmap will guide budgeting and other critical planning processes for the district.

And, finally, all voices will be called on to provide input to the search for a new Superintendent as I transition to life after Kentfield - for real this time! Please watch the weekly newsletter or visit the district website to learn how to weigh in on the characteristics you value in the district's leader.

### VISION:

Kentfield School District will deliver a quality education that empowers our students to reach high, work hard, and be kind.

### MISSION:

The Kentfield School District's mission is to inspire and challenge all students to live, learn, and lead to their fullest potential.

### Safe Routes To School



Kentfield's Safe Routes to School team of volunteers help our students travel to and from school safely. Volunteers created a network of safe walking and biking routes from each of our district's neighborhoods, and they provide educational outreach to teach students safe habits to use in traveling to and from school.

Find your safe route to school at [www.kentfieldschools.org/families/safe-routes-school](http://www.kentfieldschools.org/families/safe-routes-school).

### School Board Information

Contact Details  
Agendas/Minutes  
Resolutions/Policies

[www.kentfieldschools.org](http://www.kentfieldschools.org)  
and click "School Board"

### Meeting Schedule:

Every second Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.  
District Office

# Bacich Elementary School



Principal Sally Peck

Patience, flexibility, resilience, and thoughtfulness are words that describe our students, staff and parent community in the past year as we experienced and shared the disruptions and inconveniences of construction on our campus. With our new building completed, as well as numerous other upgrades, we look forward to a new year of great excitement and unlimited learning at Bacich!

The Bacich IDEA (Innovations and Designs Engineered by All) Studio will enhance our focus on the integration of classroom learning and creativity through science, technology, engineering, the arts, mathematics, and language arts. Fostering a learning environment where critical thinking, perseverance, and self-awareness through intentional and purposeful learning experiences is our goal.

Bacich has adopted a new science program that will launch this fall in kindergarten through fifth grade. Professional development and time to explore the multiple components of this program will provide a strong foundation for our teachers to deliver an engaging and rich science curriculum to their students.



Our remodel also brings greater security and safety to our campus. Limited entry points will allow us to better monitor the comings and goings of our visitors during school hours. New systems and protocols for emergency situations (such as fire, earthquakes, and evacuations) are also in place for this upcoming school year.

Bacich serves as the heart of our community. It is a hub where baseball and soccer games take place, children learn to ride their bicycles and scooters, families discover new friends, and children begin their earliest educational experiences. We are proud to be a welcoming place of continuous learning where life-long friendships are made.

# Kent Middle School



Principal Grant Althouse

Exemplary teaching and learning flourished across the newly renovated Kent campus last year! We are poised to launch the 2019-2020 school year with the intention that each Kent Falcon reaches their fullest academic, social, and creative potential.

For our inaugural *All School Read* last year, all students and staff read *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. The *All School Read* grew from our staunch commitment to developing voracious and curious readers, and provided for many cross-curricular connections, activities, and conversations.

This year, we're extending the *All School Read* to an *All District Read* of the book *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, by William Kamkwamba. This partnership between Bacich and Kent will undoubtedly spur learning opportunities around design thinking, engineering, perseverance, cultural competency, geography, mathematics, writing, and much more.

In an effort to provide purpose, connection, and cohesion to our academic and social program at Kent, we will be introducing grade level themes in which to ground our work with our students.

- **Fifth:** Independence. How can I take charge of myself and contribute in all of my communities?
- **Sixth:** Impact. How do my choices and actions affect me, my family, my community?
- **Seventh:** Perseverance. How can I learn from my mistakes and grow?
- **Eighth:** Legacy. How do my actions and my words define my character?



With a new security fence restricting access to the Kent campus, please plan accordingly if you walk the neighborhood during school hours.

With our community's partnership, we look forward to making the 2019-2020 school year one of the best yet at Kent!

# Measure D: Citizens Oversight Committee 2019 Report

Kentfield School District's Measure D General Obligation Bonds were authorized in the general election of November 2014. Seventy percent of voters in our school district approved the issuance and sale of bonds with a principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000.

Proposition 39, approved in 2000 by California voters, provided that the governing board of a school district may pursue the authorization and issuance of bonds by a 55% vote of the electorate.

In accordance with the requirements of Proposition 39, the District established a Citizens Oversight Committee to actively review and report on the expenditure of bond revenues. Members of the committee represent the constituencies prescribed by Proposition 39.

## History of Measure D

In response to growing enrollment at Bacich, the Kentfield School Board commissioned a demographic study in 2014 which predicted a growth of 20 students per year for the next 10 years. Based on this information, Measure D was placed on the November 2014 ballot, requesting taxpayer approval of \$30,000,000 in bonds to accomplish three goals: relieve campus overcrowding, increase security and safety, and modernize our aging facilities. A component of relieving overcrowding was to move fourth grade to Kent and build classrooms there to accommodate this redistribution of students.

Upon passage of Measure D, the Board engaged the services of CSDA Design Group to lead the community through master facilities planning, and subsequently hired QKA Architects, Counterpoint Construction Services for construction management services, and Lathrop Construction as its builders. An inclusive, nine-month-long design process engaged staff and parents in planning additions and improvements.

DISTRICT AT-A-GLANCE	
Students	
Bacich	641
Kent	560
Certificated Staff	
Bacich	44
Kent	43
District Office	2
Classified Staff	
Bacich	17
Kent	14
District Office	4
Adopted Budget on June 2019	

Modernization and safety upgrades have been completed at Kent, and new administrative offices and a music classroom have been built. Bacich building and renovation began last summer and will continue through the start of school in September. A new administration and classroom building is being constructed where the round building once stood.

## CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Renee Marcelle, Chair	Parent
Allison Salzer, Vice-Chair	Business Owner
Ross McKenna	Senior
Debra Fletcher	Community-at-large
Greg Feller	Parent
Tracy Coombe	Parent/PTA
Ralph Miler	Taxpayer Organization Member

### 2019-2020 COC Meetings:

October 2, 2019  
 January 29, 2020  
 April 22, 2020

5:00 p.m. in the District Office

Meeting dates subject to change. Please check the calendar on our website.

## Budget Overviews

In fulfillment of its duties, the Citizens Oversight Committee reviewed the School Board-approved annual financial and performance audits (June 30, 2018) of the Measure D Building Fund and confirmed that bond funds are being expended only for the purposes described in the ballot measure.

## MEASURE D BUDGET

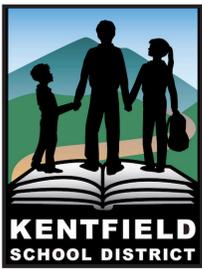
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Revenue 2014-2019	
Bond Sale Proceeds	\$30,000,000
Interest	\$243,216
Local Revenue*	\$306,388
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$30,549,604</b>
<b>Total Expenditures 2014-2019</b>	<b>\$16,082,793</b>
Bond Balance	
Cash Balance	<b>\$14,466,811</b>

\* Transfer from Prop 39 Energy Efficiency Grant funds from General Fund for work done as part of Measure D projects.

As of January 31, 2019, \$30,042,000 in bonds (of the \$30M approved by Measure D) has been issued, and \$16,082,793 has been spent. There has been \$243,216 in interest earned on unspent revenues. This leaves a balance of \$14,202,423.

For more site planning images and a detailed breakdown of expenditures you may access the Community-Supported Funding information on the Kentfield School District Website.



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# IMPORTANT DATES

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 PTA events: [www.kspta.org](http://www.kspta.org)  
**kik** events: [www.kikschoools.org](http://www.kikschoools.org)

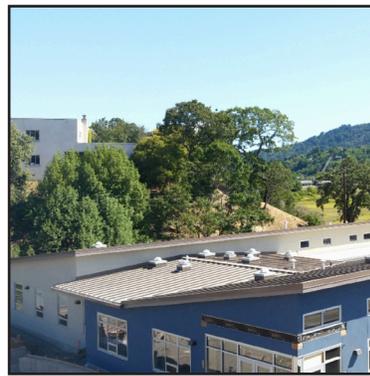
## AUGUST 2019

27	TK/Kindergarten Back to School Night (parents and guardians only), 6-7 p.m.
28	Bacich New Family Social by KSPTA grades 1-4, 6-7 p.m.
29	Kent New Student Orientation, 9-11 a.m. Kent New Family Social by KSPTA, 11:15 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER 2019

3	First Day of School
	Bacich Coffee Morning by KSPTA, 7:40 a.m.
4	Kent Coffee Morning by KSPTA, 8:30 a.m.
	Bacich ELAC Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
	Bacich Back to School Night for Grades 1-4 (parents and guardians only), 6-7:30 p.m.
5	Kent Back to School Night, 6-8 p.m. (0 period music class begins at 5:45 p.m.)
6	Kent School Picture Day
8	TK/K <b>kik</b> Social Event, 10-11 a.m.
9	Bacich Site Council, 3-4 p.m.
10	School Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
	Bacich School Picture Day
12	Bacich Games & Pizza Night by KSPTA, 5:30 p.m.
13	KSPTA Meeting, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
15	1st/2nd <b>kik</b> Social Event, 10-11:30 a.m.
20	5th/6th <b>kik</b> Social Event, 5-6:30 p.m.
21	<b>kik</b> Family Fun Day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
27	7th/8th <b>kik</b> Social Event, 5-6:30 p.m.
29	3rd/4th <b>kik</b> Social Event, 10-11:30 a.m.

## Measure D: Project Progress



The end of summer approaches, and with it, the majority of the building projects associated with Measure D, the \$30,000,000 general obligation bond passed by voters in 2014.

We relocated the school offices to the entrance of their campuses with clear views of the driveway and parking lot. Both schools are now completely

enclosed by fencing or secure entry, and closed circuit cameras will be installed this year.

There is now a fence across the College Avenue side of Kent which restricts pedestrian access during the Kent school day. While we understand that this represents a change for the neighborhood, the decision to protect our students and staff was an easy one in today's world.

Ensuring adequate classroom space was another promise of Measure D, one which the Board has delivered on, even if the projections and realities had to be reconciled. A classroom building was removed from scope in 2016 when projected enrollment increases failed to materialize. At the same time, the Board ensured that space would be left at Kent for future growth if it becomes necessary.

Lastly, every classroom at both schools has benefited from some amount of modernization, and restrooms are either in process or slated for updating.

Please see the Measure D Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Report for more details, and once again, thank you for your support.

Kentfield School District educates 1,211 students in Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade at Bacich Elementary School and Kent Middle School.

Our teachers offer innovative, award-winning programs that engage our students' creativity, character, and curiosity, and empower them to reach high, work hard, and be kind.