



REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



Milestones and Horizons

2023-24
Annual Progress
Report from the
Sequoia Union High
School District

TIDE
Academy
Class of 2023

From the Superintendent



The summer is a time both to reflect on the past year and to plan for the coming one. As August approaches, our attention moves from reflection to action. However, before we go forward, I want to highlight a few of the many positive things that happened in the district during the 2023-2024 school year.

On June 26, the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees approved our 2024-27 strategic plan. This action sets in motion our commitment that all SUHSD students will have a sense of belonging, expand their worldview through diverse connections, and graduate ready to pursue their dreams.

The work on this three-year strategic plan began in earnest last September. The plan will be the first for the District since the previous plan ended in 2020 and is designed to serve as a roadmap for our school system. The process created a common, unified direction for our district in order to build a stronger school system for all students.

Hundreds of hours of meetings, multiple community forums, and a Districtwide survey of stakeholders shaped the final product. If you participated in this endeavor, I hope you see your thoughts reflected in our plan. You can find a copy of the Sequoia Union High School District Strategic Plan on our website at seq.org/strategicplan.

Besides our duty to provide a distinctive education to our students, we also have a responsibility to use taxpayer's money wisely and efficiently. I am delighted to share that the SUHSD has received the highest credit rating possible. This means we can issue our voter-approved bonds at very low interest rates. This translates into millions of dollars in tax savings for property owners in our district. This achievement is a testament to our strong fiscal management practices and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. It underscores the confidence that investors and stakeholders have in our district's financial stability and long-term sustainability, and it positions us well to continue investing in the future success of our students and schools. We're in a great spot as we begin work on our facilities improvements funded by Measure W, which was passed in 2022.

I am so grateful for our community! The Class of 2024's collective and individual academic accomplishments, extracurricular achievements, setbacks overcome, and acts of kindness and community service inspired and amazed those of us who served these remarkable students. We will so miss our graduates but we're excited to welcome the Class of 2028.

We hope you and your family enjoy the rest of the summer, but don't forget that the 2024-25 school year starts on Wednesday, August 14. We are busy preparing for our students' return! News of orientation, extracurricular activities and specific school happenings that precede the first day from your school will be sent out soon.

With excitement and appreciation,

Crystal Leach
Superintendent
Sequoia Union High School District

Announcing the 2024-27 Strategic Plan

Our Promise

All Sequoia Union High School District students will belong, expand their worldview through diverse connections, and graduate ready to pursue their dreams.

Our Core Values

Whole Student

Safety, Belonging, and Inclusion

Thriving Staff

Continuous Improvement

High Expectations w/ Individualized Support

Responsibility and Accountability

Our Goals and Measures of Student Progress



Safety, Wellbeing, and Connection



Academic Growth & Mastery for All



Readiness for Career, College, and Life

Our Signature Strategies

High-impact, Research-based Teaching Practices

Participation in Advanced Coursework

System of Targeted Academic Supports

Focus on Strong Relationships and Student Interests

Formalized Supports for Emotional, Behavioral, Mental, and Physical Health

Accelerated Language Acquisition for English Learners

Hiring, Placement, and Professional Development of Teachers, Leaders, and Staff

Parent Communication, Education, and Networking



View the full Strategic Plan by
visiting seq.org/strategicplan

2023-24 by the Numbers

Student Body



Spirit rally at Woodside High School

8,747

total students

1 ● = 100 students



Four-Year Graduation Rate

85.9%

2018



91%

2023

5.1%

improvement compared to five years ago

Success in the Classroom

648

more AP exams taken than in 2022 (4,867 total)

66%

of students passed their AP exams with a 4 or a 5 (up 2% from 2022)

2024 AP data not yet available

11

courses increased mean scores on IB exams



Biggest jump: IB Math Applications

Athletics and Extracurriculars

375 athletes named to all-league teams



Carlmont High School Commissioner's Cup Champions



3,000+

prom-goers danced

Universal Meals

In our second year of Universal Meals, our Food Services department served

226,000
breakfasts



433,000
lunches

Support and Recognition

Now in its **third** year, SUHSD's Newcomer Welcome Center was awarded the prestigious San Mateo County School Boards Assn. J. Russell Kent Award



Wellness

7 Wellness Centers: one at each school



Peace and Wellness Space (PAWS) at Menlo-Atherton

22,000+

direct wellness services provided, including:
15,000+ individual counseling sessions
2,500+ check-ins and case management
4,000+ group services



SUHSD's school attendance review board (SARB) was named one of the **23** "Model SARB" programs by the CA Dept. of Education

239

in-house professional development sessions attended by staff

100%

of teachers meet California's "Highly Qualified" designation

Looking Ahead to 2024-25



TIDE Academy
Career and Club Fair

As we open the chapter on a new year, we'd like to welcome the **2,156** students that are part of this year's freshman class!

Are you part of the Class of 2029 (or beyond) and want to know what to expect? Scan the QR code to check out our new overview of what awaits as you begin your high school journey!



Learn more about the ninth grade experience at SUHSD on our website: seq.org/ninthgradeexp

Arts and Enrichment

1,284

students and parents, combined, provided input for the District's new **\$1,115,000** investment in Visual and Performing Arts offerings

29

stipends added to each school site, totaling **\$1.2 million** to maximize student involvement in after school activities

400+

clubs available across the District for students to join. Full club listings, advisor/club leader contacts, and meeting times can be found on your school's website.



Woodside High School
Music Production Club

Measure W Work Begins

8

All eight sites have planned facilities improvement projects set to begin in the near future. See more details in the District's Facilities Master Plan at seq.org/fmp.

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Three "A"s for SUHSD: the District received an Aaa rating on its bonds from credit rating firm Moody's, which helps secure lower interest rates and saves taxpayer money

For more updates and information on Measure W projects at SUHSD, visit seq.org/MeasureW



Educator Development

The **eighth** cohort of Developing Our Own, an award-winning program designed to support members of the District's classified employee pool through the teacher credentialing program with financial assistance from the District, begins the program this fall.

Scan the QR code to watch Developing Our Own graduates share their experiences



College and Career Readiness

\$2.6M

in new funding for eight grants awarded through the CA Dept. of Education's Golden State Pathways program to increase offerings, particularly for English Learners, and develop more concurrent enrollment options

Our Schools

Carlmont High School

Menlo-Atherton High School

Sequoia High School

Woodside High School

East Palo Alto Academy

Redwood High School

TIDE Academy

Sequoia Adult School

Connect with Us



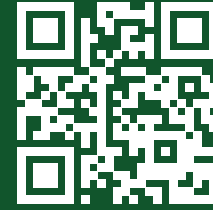
Monthly
Newsletter

seq.org/newsletter



Board
Notes

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Social
Media

seq.org/connect



**Our staff is excited to welcome you back on
August 14, 2024 for the first day of school!**



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