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Recognizing Ravenswood

At the February 14 board meeting, Superintendent Crystal Leach spoke on the District's efforts to honor the legacy of Ravenswood High School by reconnecting with alumni through a series of events.

The District held an in-person listening session titled "Learning From Our Past, Into Our Future" at Bloomhouse in East Palo Alto on September 12, and a virtual session on September 15. Alumni shared stories of their time as Ravenswood students and the impact the school's closure in 1976 had on them. The sessions were recorded to be entered into the East Palo Alto Community Archive, a community partner dedicated to preserving the history of East Palo Alto.

The relationship continued to grow between the District and Ravenswood alumni over the following months, and a connection was established with the greater alumni group online. Superintendent Leach and SUHSD Trustee Shawneece Stevenson joined the group at their monthly alumni breakfast to invite them to the February board meeting and offer the opportunity to record more interviews.

At the board meeting, Superintendent Leach shared a recap from the in-person listening session, a slideshow of photos submitted by Ravenswood alumni set to the high school's alma mater recorded and mixed by the Carlmont High School choir, and a collection of interviews from the alumni breakfast.

"The stories, the friendship after 60 years, I've never experienced anything like that," said Superintendent Leach, "I hope that you will allow me to continue to honor you and to build this relationship."

Several Ravenswood alumni attended the meeting in person, and an even greater number from across the country were logged on via Zoom during the recognition at the board meeting.

"This is something that wasn't expected at all, but I appreciate it. I went to a lot of schools and had different mountains to climb at each school. I got to Ravenswood, I fit in," remarked Ray Askew.

"I think it's especially important that you are recognizing all of the wonderful things that our classes did and what we represented. I'm hoping that in the future we will continue to share our life experiences and our successes with you," said Nell Bradley.

The videos can be viewed below:

[Listening Session recap](#)

[Ravenswood High School historical slideshow with alma mater played by the Carmont High School choir](#)

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








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







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