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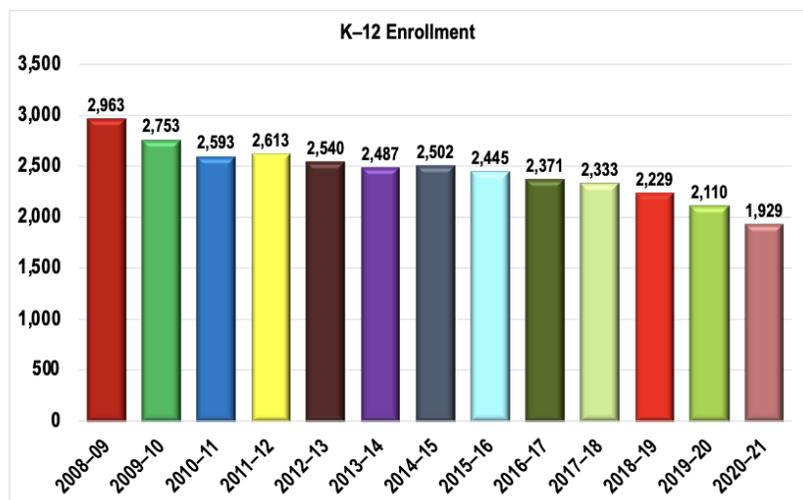
Mt. Pleasant School District Board of Trustees
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Dear Mt. Pleasant Staff and Community,

We are excited to have students and staff back in schools. Our students, families, and staff are working hard every day to create the best learning environment while living through a pandemic. However, there is a challenge that we must address and that is declining enrollment. As you may know, an essential part of schools' funding relates to the number of students in attendance. Public schools throughout California are facing a trend that is affecting districts' budgets, and unfortunately, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District (MPESD) is not an exception.

Mt. Pleasant Elementary Enrollment History

- The Mt. Pleasant Elementary School District's (District) enrollment has been declining
- A decrease in the number of students results in less revenue from the state
 - Each lost student equates to lost revenue of more than \$11,000



Source: DataQuest on the California Department of Education website

As mentioned previously, the Mt. Pleasant school district is not alone, as can be seen on the following chart:

- The District's loss in ADA is fourth most among the comparative group
- Only one district in the comparative group has grown over the previous five years
- As mentioned earlier, losses in ADA reduce overall revenues from the state of California

Percentage Change in ADA	
District	% Change in ADA 2015-16 to 2019-20
Union ESD	3.23%
Cambrian ESD	-0.38%
Milpitas USD	-0.39%
Morgan Hill USD	-1.73%
Moreland ESD	-2.32%
Gilroy USD	-2.59%
Soquel Union ESD	-3.49%
San Lorenzo Valley USD	-3.54%
Scotts Valley USD	-5.02%
Sunnyvale ESD	-5.16%
Live Oak ESD	-8.35%
Oak Grove ESD	-8.86%
Berryessa Union ESD	-8.94%
Orchard ESD	-9.09%
Los Gatos Union ESD	-10.30%
Los Altos ESD	-14.02%
Saratoga Union ESD	-15.10%
<i>Mt. Pleasant ESD</i>	<i>-15.72%</i>
Evergreen ESD	-16.51%
Alum Rock Union ESD	-16.90%
Franklin-McKinley ESD	-20.83%

Source: 2019-20 state-certified reports J-90, SACS, CBEDS, CALPADS

The continuous decline in student enrollment is reaching a very difficult level in our district. The number of students currently enrolled for the 2021-22 academic school year is 1,705, a decline of 1,258 from the 2008-2009 academic school year. On **November 10th, 2021**, the MPESD Board of Trustees will be discussing the challenge of declining enrollment and how to stay fiscally solvent while at the same time trying to do what is best for our staff and students. If you would like to attend the board meeting on November 10, click on the following link to know how you can participate: <https://www.mpesd.org/Page/2#calendar1/20211125/event/8087>)

On November 12, I will provide a brief update on the Board's discussion and report any actions that the Board takes on November 10.

Thank you for your support as we navigate challenging times. Let's keep working together for our students.

In community spirit,

Dr. Elida MacArthur
Superintendent