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# 2025–26 Year in Review

Celebrating Progress, Partnerships, and Possibilities

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# A Year of Progress

**94.5%**

**Attendance**  
Up from 93.7%

**13.4%**

**Chronic Absenteeism**  
Down from 17.5%

**41.9%**

**ELPAC Growth**  
English Learners

**50.6%**

**ELA**  
CAASPP

**43.7%**

**Math**  
CAASPP

**38%**

**Science**  
CAASPP

**60.7%**

**Reading**  
i-Ready

**56.4%**

**Math**  
i-Ready

# Tonight's Year in Review

**1**

## From Plan to Progress

LCAP goals and student outcomes

**2**

## Modernization in Motion

HVAC, lighting, and solar

**3**

## Together We Shine

points of pride



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FROM PLAN  
TO  
PROGRESS

# LCAP Goals

The district's three-year plan focuses resources where students need them most

## **Student Well-Being & Engagement**

Attendance, belonging, school climate, and support systems

## **English Learner Success**

Language growth, reclassification, newcomer supports, and family engagement

## **Academic Achievement**

Reading, mathematics, science, and targeted supports

# Goal 1: Student Well-Being & Engagement

Attendance improved and chronic absenteeism declined

**94.5%**

**Attendance**

93.7% → 94.5%

**13.4%**

**Chronic Absenteeism**

17.5% → 13.4%

**1.4%**

**Suspension Rate**

Still below  
baseline



**School Climate**

Connectedness and  
safety improved

**Key takeaway: more students are attending regularly and more supports are in place.**



# Supports Behind the Progress

Community Schools, wellness services, tutoring, and family partnerships

**5,777**

households received  
food distributions

**1,126**

students received  
backpacks and supplies

**388**

students in tutoring  
services

**672**

referrals to community-  
based services

**594**

individual  
counseling sessions

**225**

students in group  
counseling

**3,408**

student check-ins

**161**

crisis interventions



**These supports reduce barriers to learning and strengthen student well-being.**

# Goal 2: English Learner Success

More students are progressing toward English proficiency

**41.9%**

**ELPAC Growth**

38.7% baseline

**11%**

**LTEL Rate**

26% baseline

**188**

**LTEL Students**

Down from 246 last year

**13.6%**

**Reclassification**

257 pending RFEPs



**Key takeaway: RCSD is nearing its 2027 LTEL goal of 10%.**

# What Is Driving English Learner Progress?

A coordinated pathway of language development, monitoring, and family engagement



**Integrated ELD helps students build English skills while learning grade-level content.**

# Goal 3: Academic Achievement

Growth continued across local and state assessments

**60.7%**

i-Ready Reading

57% → 60.7%

**56.4%**

i-Ready Math

47% → 56.4%

**50.6%**

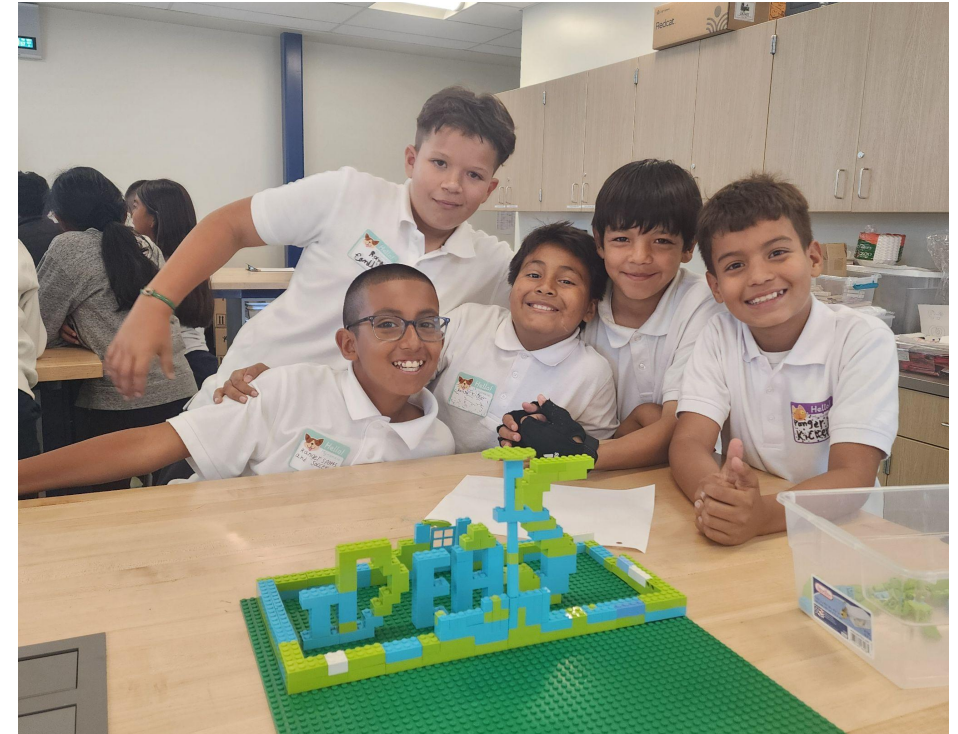
ELA CAASPP

49.2% → 50.6%

**43.7%**

Math CAASPP

39.6% → 43.7%



Science also increased from 33% to 38%.

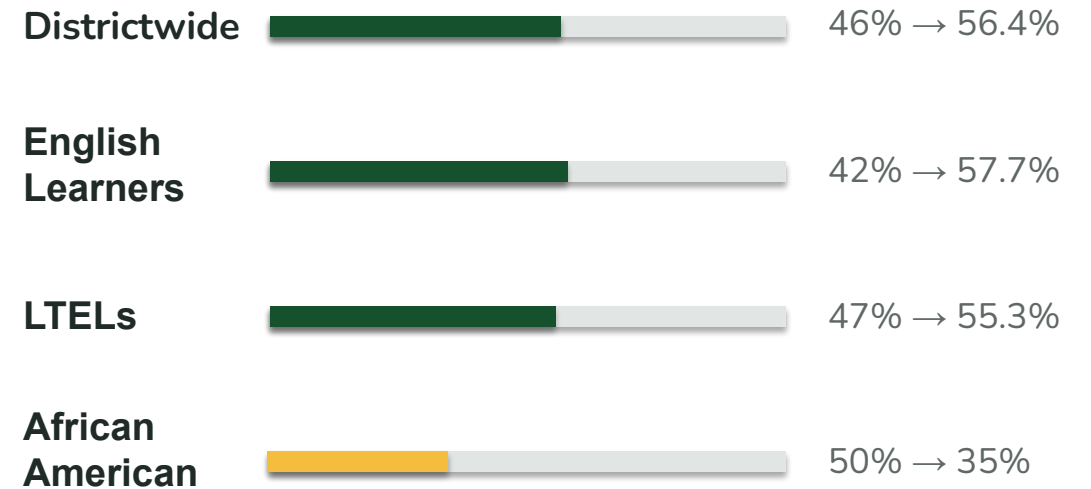
# Academic Growth Highlights

Reading and mathematics growth by student group

## Reading



## Mathematics



Continued focus remains on accelerating achievement and closing opportunity gaps.



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# MODERNIZATION IN MOTION



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# School Modernization & Construction Program

Two voter-approved bonds supporting one districtwide program

## Measure T

Approved in 2015

Funds solar expansion and previously authorized facility improvements.

## Measure S

Approved in 2022

Funds modernization, HVAC, lighting, infrastructure, and classroom safety and comfort projects.

**Together, these measures are modernizing learning environments for current and future students.**

# HVAC Modernization

Permanent classroom safety and comfort funded through Measure S

## Phase I Complete

Adelante Selby  
Hoover  
Roosevelt  
Taft

## Phase II Summer 2026

Clifford  
Kennedy  
Orion Alternative

## Phase III Summer 2027

Henry Ford  
Roy Cloud

**Goal: Safe, healthier, comfortable classrooms throughout the school year.**

# Modernizing Lighting Across Every School

Safer, brighter, and more energy-efficient learning environments

**52%**

**Projected Reduction**  
Lighting energy use

**\$200K**

**Estimated Annual Savings**  
Utility savings

**All Schools**

**LED Conversion**  
Districtwide project

**Better Visibility**

Improved classroom lighting

**Enhanced Safety**

Improved indoor/  
outdoor lighting

**Greater Sustainability**

Lower energy consumption

**Reduced Maintenance**

Longer-lasting fixtures



The project also supports California requirements phasing out certain fluorescent lighting systems.

# Solar Expansion Through Measure T

Clean energy and long-term utility savings



## Phase I Complete

Adelante Selby  
Clifford  
Roosevelt  
District Office

## Phase II 2025–27

Garfield  
Henry Ford  
Hoover  
Kennedy  
MIT / North Star  
Orion Alternative  
Roy Cloud  
Taft

**\$21.1M projected savings over 25 years**

\$762K estimated first-year savings



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Together  
We Shine

# Our Students, Staff, Programs, and Schools Shine

Recognizing the staff, programs, schools, and partnerships behind student success



2025 California Association  
of Teachers of Chinese  
(CLTAC) Mandarin Speech  
Contest



2025 Science Olympiad  
Regional Competition



2026 San Mateo County  
Asian Pacific Islander Heroes  
Legacy Award

**Together We Shine** highlights excellence across classrooms, schools, programs, and community partnerships.

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**Maizha Mendoza**

Elementary Education  
Specialist Award



**Cristina Ryffel**

CSLA  
Recognition



**Gilberto Guzmán**

SF-CESS  
Ally Award



**Patricia Alcocer**

Principal  
of the Year

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**Adelante Selby Spanish  
Immersion School**

Bay Area Parent 2025  
Family Favorites



**Kennedy Middle School**

Bay Area Parent 2025  
Family Favorites



**Orion Elementary  
Alternative School**

Bay Area Parent 2025  
Family Favorites

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**North Star Academy**  
2025 California Distinguished School



**North Star Academy was recognized for outstanding academic achievement, student growth, attendance, and school climate.**

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## Counseling Services 2025 Golden Bell

The honor recognizes the district's innovative, trauma-informed approach to supporting student mental health, well-being, and academic success.



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## Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP)

2026 Kent Award  
Exemplary Program

RCSD's Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) received the 2025 Kent Award and Exemplary Program distinction for its innovative whole-child approach to after-school learning, enrichment, wellness, and student support.

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## Sustainable and Climate Resilient Schools Challenge Leader

The recognition highlighted Kennedy Middle School's Share Care Project, North Star Academy's Seeds to Systems sustainability program, and the district's Measure T-funded Solar Expansion Project



# Student Success & Community Pride



The year concluded with 691 graduates making up the Class of 2026.



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