



October 20, 2009

Dear Parent and Community Member,

During the month of November, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District is launching Public Schools Month by inviting the community to come inside for a closer look. Public Schools month includes two special events featuring the District's report to the community "State of Our Schools: How Are We Doing?" The report will include:

- How Santa Monica-Malibu schools rate,
- An analysis of student achievement,
- The financial issues facing SMMUSD this year, and
- The steps that are being taken to offset the loss of State funding due to the present economy.

The report to the community is set for Tuesday, November 17 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Malibu High School Library, 30215 Morning View Dr. in Malibu and on Wednesday November 18 from 6.30-9.00 p.m. at the Muir Elementary School Auditorium, 2526 Sixth St, Santa Monica. The State of Our Schools events are co-sponsored by CEPS (Community for Excellent Public Schools) and The Santa Monica- Malibu Council of PTAs. These educational forums are free and open to all members of the public.

In addition to the State of Our Schools events, schools throughout Santa Monica and Malibu will be open for public visits during the month of November. A full list of schools and times is attached. Open schoolhouse events will include coffee with the Principal, a short presentation about the school, and a word from the PTA president at each school site. This is an opportunity to get to know more about your neighborhood school. It is our hope that community residents from throughout Santa Monica and Malibu take advantage of this opportunity to hear from our principals, teachers, PTA leaders and students about the extraordinary educational opportunities that take place every day in our schools.

Please join us at one of the State of Our School events and the school open house coffees. We are proud and want to share the success and accomplishments of our students.

Sincerely,

Tim Cuneo,  
Superintendent