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## **Bacich Elementary School**

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## Kent Middle School

800 College Avenue Kentfield, CA 94904 Grant Althouse, Principal (415) 458-5970 Fax (415) 458-5973 August 24, 2021

Dear Kentfield Community,

On behalf of your Kentfield School District (KSD) Board of Trustees, we want to warmly welcome the new students, families, teachers, and staff to our district. We also hope that all new and returning students, teachers, and staff had an excellent first day at school! Among our board, we currently have nine children attending Bacich and Kent, and three recent KSD graduates in local high schools.

As we embark on the 2021-22 school year, we have three important announcements:

**The District Strategic Plan is our guidepost.** Our primary goal as a KSD Board is to ensure that necessary policies and structures are in place so that <u>all</u> of our students are able to thrive academically and emotionally. We remain committed to the goals of our <u>district strategic plan</u>, and will continue to use these goals to prioritize our district work. We feel so grateful and inspired by our extraordinary teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication in the unprecedented 2020-21 school year. We also acknowledge that some stakeholders in our community at times felt frustrated and disappointed over the past year. Rebuilding and renewal of our incredibly strong KSD community is a district priority for the 2021-22 school year. As such, we encourage everyone to join us in starting the new school year with a fresh, positive attitude knowing these continue to be uncertain times; intentions are good; and we all share the same goal - to focus on the best interests of our students, who have modeled remarkable resilience and optimism throughout the past year and a half.

**Join a Board Committee.** We invite KSD teachers/staff and parents to consider contributing your time and expertise by volunteering as a member of one of our <u>Board Committees</u>. We maintain a variety of district-wide committees, including, but not limited to, Communications; Equity and Inclusion; Finance; Safety; Technology; and Heath/Wellness. We encourage diverse stakeholder participation to support varied perspectives and interests in the critical work of our committees. No prior experience is necessary. If you would like to participate in any of our committees for the 2021-22 school year please complete this <u>form</u> by September 17, 2021. As with all of our Board Committees, meetings are always open to the public to attend anytime even if you are not a committee member.

**How to participate in School Board Meetings.** All members of our community are welcome to attend any of our <u>board meetings</u> typically held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 PM. As a reference, our next two regularly scheduled board meetings are on September 14th and October 12th. If you cannot make the meetings live, you can read our <u>Board Meeting</u> <u>Highlights</u> and/or watch the <u>meeting recordings</u> to stay informed about what is happening in the district.

If you have any questions or comments about any of these topics, please feel free to contact Superintendent Raquel Rose at <a href="mailto:rrose@kentfieldschools.org">rrose@kentfieldschools.org</a> or our Board President, Heather McPhail Sridharan, at <a href="mailto:hmcphailsridharan@kentfieldschools.org">hmcphailsridharan@kentfieldschools.org</a>. Feedback is always welcome and valued.

Hope to see you around our school community or at a future school board meeting soon!

With gratitude,

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