



# Oceanside Schools

*Anchored Together*  
BY PURPOSE, PASSION, AND PEOPLE



## 2013-2018 Gains and Improvements

### CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

*Must provide a challenging, engaging and meaningful education for all students.*

- Innovative new courses such as Project Lead the Way Engineering, Virtual Business, Big History
- Self-designed opportunities for AP students
- Redesigned OHS Castleton to better provide a true alternative learning experience
- Introduced the ACCUPLACER Exam in collaboration with Nassau Community College
- Introduced Parent Portal to increase home-school communication
- New elementary report card to enhance home-school communication
- Reorganized K-12 Special Education Department resulting in more effective and efficient practices and programs
- Enhanced video broadcasting program providing hands-on technical and journalistic training
- Received funding for interactive Learning Lab at School #6
- Introduced math resources such as Exemplars
- Early and Intermediate Literacy Initiatives to develop youngest readers and writers
- Project Extra in the Classroom in grades 3 through 6, providing STEM and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) instruction
- Introduction of an elementary Maker-space curriculum
- Added Boys Swim Team to already robust athletics program
- Bridges program introduced at OMS
- Created *No Place for Hate* designated schools

- Vertical articulation opportunities for math teachers grades 6-12
- Video technology as a tool for growth and mastery of best practices
- Partnership with Adelphi University in a yearlong residency program to recruit and develop the best teachers
- Tenure Attainment Plan (TAPS) to support new faculty in their growth and accomplishments
- Teaching and Learning Coaches (TLCs) across the elementary level
- OSD staff are leading innovators of national science and social studies curriculum and best practices
- Professional development for leadership team with a focus on improving best practices
- Introduced SAMR coursework

### FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

*Must be safe, secure learning environments, continually strengthened to provide appropriate resources to support and enhance the educational experience for all.*

#### Budget & Finance:

- Transparent budget planning and process
- Compliance with allowable Tax Levy Limit
- Strong budgetary voter support
- Improved fund balance and reserve levels
- Established Repair and Capital Reserves
- Fully accrued for liabilities
- Maximized expense-driven state aid
- Increased participation in purchasing consortia
- Expanded Internal Controls
- Introduced electronic payment system for student club events
- Improved practices resulting in minimal audit recommendations
- Improved financial status resulting in removal from Comptroller's Fiscal Stress List
- Improved Moody's Bond Rating as a result of stronger fiscal stability
- Maximized reimbursement from FEMA and insurance carrier for storm-Sandy related losses

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

*The cornerstone of the growth and development of our faculty and staff who are committed to continual improvement.*

- Professional learning for staff charged with implementing new ELA, science, social studies and math standards

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Try to be a rainbow  
in someone's cloud.  
MAYA ANGELOU



Individually We Are A Drop,  
Together We Are The Ocean.

### Buildings and Grounds:

- Renovations throughout district including energy efficient upgrades
- Preventive maintenance schedules for facilities and athletic fields
- \$30m multi-year capital improvement plan to improve security, technology, roofs, asphalt, masonry at various schools, a/c and new seating to School #6 auditorium, a/c to OMS auditorium, playgrounds, energy efficient boilers and more
- Established plan for OHS turf field rehabilitation
- Developed plan for OHS drama program space
- Obtained grant for creation of Kindergarten Center Early Childhood Learning Lab
- Secured FEMA funding to rebuild a districtwide storage facility

### Health and Safety:

- Detailed districtwide security manual
- Invested \$500k for the installation of security cameras, door access control, video intercom units, wireless panic buttons and automated lock-down/lock-out systems
- Health and wellness committees established and new policies introduced
- Outdoor security monitors added at all elementary buildings
- Created emergency communications protocol document
- Developed agreement with NCPD to view cameras in emergency situations
- Began utilization of surveillance cameras to monitor after-hours at Schools #6, #7 and #9
- Introduced cell phone application with police notification (RAVE)

### Food Services:

- Operated in a fiscally responsible manner
- Introduced automated phone system for parent communication
- Participation in "Farms to Schools" program
- Positive state audits
- Partnered with other school districts to maximize purchasing power

### Transportation:

- Seamless transition to new bus company
- Updated GPS routing software
- Streamlined routes for efficiency

## TECHNOLOGY

*Maximizes and enhances learning via natural integration into existing best practices.*

- Implementation of Elementary Technology Initiative

- Transitioned OHS and grade 6 to one-to-one Chromebooks
- Introduced Google Applications and Google Classroom at all levels
- Developed Smart Bond grant application
- Improved districtwide infrastructure

## COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*Fostering positive relationships with school and community members by communicating timely and accurate information, and by offering intellectual, social and recreational programs that enhance our residents' lives*

- Established enhanced community activities programs such as Camp Invention, Back-to-School Boot Camp, redesigned summer school and adult activities
- Redesigned website which can be upgraded remotely to post urgent information
- Use of Twitter, Remind, district mobile application which includes access to lunch menus and calendar
- Updated Safety Team/ Communication Protocol
- OSD Parent University offers workshops on timely educational and parenting topics
- Redesigned after-school and summer programs for maximum staff efficiency
- Expanded course offerings in adult and youth programs
- Introduced community reading campaign
- Introduced Veterans Project at OHS Castleton
- Created one consistent BOE venue with improved audio-visual capabilities, comfortable seating, air-conditioning and access to parking
- Continually improved BOE celebrations such as honors, tenure recognition and retirement acknowledgement

## HUMAN RESOURCES

*A strong, effective organization depends on the talent and teamwork of its faculty and staff.*

- Successful negotiations with all 14 bargaining units
- Restructured HR department for greater efficiency
- Redesigned recruitment efforts
- Hired and mentored over 500 new faculty and staff
- More than 50 percent of administrative team was newly hired, demonstrating outstanding leadership skills
- Transitioned new district clerk

