

GRAVENSTEIN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Highlighted Accomplishments of the 2016-2017 School Year**

**Budget:**

- 2016-17 adopted budget was completed with no deficit spending and appropriate reserves.
  
- Staff compensation increased 3.25% on the salary schedule for 2016-17.

**Policies:**

- Review/adoption of policies is on-going. The following Board policies were originated or updated throughout 16-17: BP/AR5141.52 Suicide Prevention; BP/AR 6164.6 504 Plan Board Policy & Administration; BP/AR 3311.3 Bids; BP/AR 3311 Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures; BP/AR 4030 Non-Discrimination in Employment; BP/AR 6154 Homework/Make up Work; BP/AR Conflict of Interest; BP/AR 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment; BP/AR 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten; BP/AR 5141.21 Epi Pens
  
- Enrollment paperwork, district policies, SARCs, Comprehensive School Site Plan, Single Plan for Student Achievement, Collective Bargaining Agreement 1 yr extension for 2016-17, Grade Level Curriculum Brochures, kindergarten enrollment & advertising, student handbook, daycare registration, and more publications were updated on the district website.
  
- The 2017-18 LCAP documents were reviewed and updated.

**Curriculum and Instruction:**

- The 2017 assessment results maintained or exceeded our 2016 scores. GUSD has produced the highest test scores in West Sonoma County for the last two years, and remains one of the highest performing districts in the County.
  
- Worked with SCOE ELA Teacher on Loan to select ELA pilots for Hillcrest beginning in 16-17, and Gravenstein selected Wonders, to begin 17-18.
  
- *Study Sync* (McGraw-Hill) ELA curriculum was piloted at Hillcrest.
  
- Common core aligned supplementary curriculum resources were purchased for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, including the following: web-based curriculum *IXL* Math and ELA, *Flocabulary*, and *Pear Deck*.

- Maintained full Class Size Reduction in grades K-3.
- Purchased a standardized GATE assessment -- NNAT (Naglieri Nonverbal Abilities Test) for use with all interested third grade students.
- GATE activities were supported with GATE Coordinators in a lunchtime program.
- Computers were purchased and Wi-Fi was increased for both campuses.
- Two-to-one tablet-computers (Yoga Chromebooks) and carts were purchased for all classrooms in grades TK-1<sup>st</sup> grade for the 2016-17 school year.
- Undertook a year-long inquiry into the dual program system (Enrich! & Traditional). A District Leadership team was formed made up of teachers and administrators, and the team met after school and at SCOE to research and discuss what's working and what's not. The Board reviewed demographic and other data regarding participation in the programs. A District-wide town hall meeting was held to solicit school community input.

**Public Relations /Student Relations:**

- Hillcrest 6-7-8 Band won several awards in the Apple Blossom and Rose Parades.
- Superintendent worked with variety of stakeholder groups via student council, school site council, and the GUSD Board to complete the 17-18 LCAP.
- Many performances were provided to the school community through concerts, plays, poetry readings, Kindergarten Nutcracker, and more.

**Management/Organization**

- Staff, students, and parents were updated on new laws, policies or rules to ensure existing rules were consistently enforced.
- Lunchtime activities were offered to students on both campuses. GSF invested in new equipment carts and students enjoyed structured play at the elementary campus. At Hillcrest two new activities started: a board game group and a Dungeons and Dragons group, and both were popular choices among students.

- New superintendent and principals took office.
- Superintendent and Board identified areas of focus for the District to work on in 2016-17.

**Facilities:**

- ARC Alternatives, the provider for the Prop 39 plan (for energy saving projects) was selected, and they produced a plan that the Board approved at the end of 16-17, for implementation in 17-18.
- Alarms were installed in classrooms receiving new Chromebooks.
- Wireless access points were installed, expanding wireless system capacity and effectiveness.
- Via Phase 2, the following improvements were made on the Gravenstein campus: complete re-build and expansion of the administrative office; classrooms received new heating, cabinet facing, carpets, VCT flooring, paint, and LED lighting.
- Facility Inspection Tool found all areas of the facility in “good” condition.
- The Hillcrest staff room received a make-over that included new paint, electrical outlets, and lighting.
- AED were installed; staff was trained in proper usage, on both school campuses.