

## **Contra Costa County Office of Education**

77 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 • (925) 942-3388 Lynn Mackey, Superintendent of Schools

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Adam Clark, Ed.D., Superintendent Mt. Diablo Unified School District 1936 Carlotta Drive Concord, CA 94519

RE: Second Interim

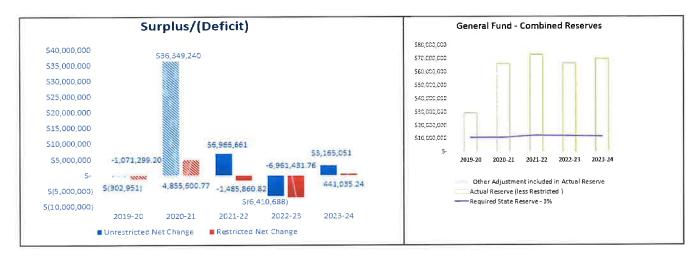
Dear Superintendent Clark:

The District submitted its 2021-22 Second Interim Report with a positive certification. This certification states that the District will meet its financial obligations for the current and subsequent two fiscal years. The County Office has completed its review of your District's Second Interim Report in compliance with the provisions of state law. Based on the information available at the time of our review, the County Office of Education concurs with the District's Second Interim positive certification for the period ended January 31, 2022.

During our review, we noted the following:

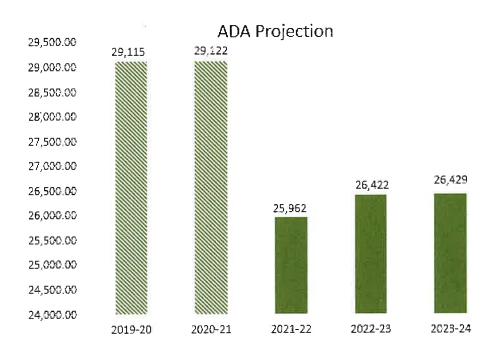
## **Deficit Spending and Reserves**

The District projects deficit spending in fiscal year 2022-23. Deficits, especially in the unrestricted general fund, reduce the available fund balance making it more difficult to respond to economic recessions and/or other financial difficulties. Districts have been advised to maintain an unrestricted reserve level well above the state minimum reserve requirement. Beginning in fiscal year 2022-23, districts with average daily attendance of more than 2501 will also need to make sure they meet the 10% cap requirement on the combined assigned and unassigned reserves. Districts are strongly encouraged to take steps to eliminate ongoing operating deficits while maintaining sufficient unrestricted reserves to protect the agency from unforeseen financial hardships.



## **Operating Uncertainties**

Using federal stimulus and other strategies, the District has successfully managed the various financial and operational challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. This increased funding has improved the district's multi-year projection and ending fund balance. However, the district is cautioned that fluctuations in average daily attendance (ADA) may impact the district's funding.



## **Collective Bargaining and Other Disclosure Requirements**

The CCCOE requests that all districts submit a collective bargaining disclosure form to our office ten working days prior to board action on a proposed settlement. To comply with AB 2756 (Daucher), both the Superintendent and Chief Business Officer must sign the collective bargaining disclosure form. Your district must make any budget revisions within 45 days of approval of a collective bargaining agreement.

Districts are also required to disclose non-voter approved debt and self-insured workers' compensation claims.

We appreciate your staff's effort as they have worked to prepare the various forms and documents required to complete the 2021-22 Second Interim Report. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Denise Porterfield, Deputy Superintendent Business and Administrative Services

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cc: Debra Mason, Board President, Mt. Diablo USD

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Lynn Mackey, Superintendent of Schools, Contra Costa County

Lisa Gonzales, Chief Business Official, Mt. Diablo USD

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