

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

### **Partnership with the City of Orinda - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Board Vice President Liz Daoust, Board Member Hillary Weiner, Director of Curriculum David Schrag, and I have met twice with Orinda's Mayor Darlene Gee, City Manager Steve Salomon, and Chief of Police David Cook to review current diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and determine ways we can partner together to help ensure that "Everyone Belongs Here" is realized within our schools and the broader community. I was invited to speak at the September 15th City Council Meeting to share highlights of the school district's work in this important area as well as potential opportunities for collaboration between the two agencies, including:

- Community Town Hall on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Anti-Bias Training for All Elected Officials (City Council and School Board) along with top administrative staff
- Shared Proclamation in Support of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Potential Speaker Series

At our meeting on 9/14, the City and Orinda USD committed to holding monthly diversity, equity, and inclusion committee meetings to ensure the continued momentum of this critical work.

### **Progress on Measures E and I Facilities Projects**

This week Dara Youngdale, Principal with HKIT architectural firm, shared the vision for Sleepy Hollow's new multipurpose room (MPR) with school stakeholders including teachers, parents, and neighbors and answered their questions. The new MPR will completely transform the entrance to the school and will provide a safe location for students and staff to shelter in place in the event of a wildfire.



SLEEPY HOLLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MPR  
OPTION 4 - NEW MPR AT LOWER PARKING LOT

Ms. Youngdale and architect Jeff Evans also recently toured Orinda Intermediate School with Principal Stacy Wayne and Associate Principal Maple Lai and learned about the current facilities needs of the students, faculty, and staff. Ms. Wayne and Ms. Lai look forward to working with Ms. Youngdale and Mr. Evans to develop an initial scope for Measures E and I projects at OIS.