



Superintendent's Memo to the Community

Date: July 26, 2010

Topic: Mira Costa High School 60th Anniversary

At the July 24th, 2010 celebration of the 60th Anniversary of Mira Costa High School, there were many wonderful moments. Naming the MCHS football field after Bill Cooper, who has given so much to this community, was certainly a highlight. Meeting Mustang alumni from the classes of 1953 forwards was certainly a highlight for me. It was a spectacular celebratory event that showcased our band and choir and made all of us proud.

Manhattan Beach's Mayor, Mitch Ward, presented a special commemoration of the day. I thought that it so truly represented the excellence of the high school that it should go to our website. My thanks go to Mayor Ward and the entire City Council for joining our celebration and for the following words:

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- Whereas** *The City of Manhattan Beach is pleased to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Mira Costa High School; and*
- Whereas** *founded in 1950, Mira Costa High School is a comprehensive, college-oriented public high school renowned for the outstanding accomplishments of its student scholars, musicians, journalists, athletes and thespians. Currently, there are 2,443 students enrolled; and*
- Whereas** *Mira Costa ranks in the top 2% of public high schools in California with an API score of 872, significantly above the 800-point state target; and*
- Whereas** *supplementing the traditional program of study, Mira Costa provides students with unique and specialized classes, including Advanced Placement courses. Last year, 96% of the senior class matriculated to college; and*
- Whereas** *over 50% of the students at Mira Costa participate in an extensive athletic program which offers more than 25 varsity teams. More than 50 clubs and organizations offer students the opportunity to explore their extracurricular interests; and*

Whereas *outstanding teachers and students have brought honor and distinction to Mira Costa through programs such as: the Grammy Award-winning music program; the five Gold Medal Award-winning student newspaper, La Vista; the Model United Nations Program; the Performing Arts Department; the national award-winning Media Arts Department; and the Girls Volleyball National Champions; and*

Whereas *Mira Costa alumni will kick off the 60th Anniversary on Friday, July 23, 2010 with a golf tournament and barbeque and then an all class reunion on Saturday, July 24, 2010. Throughout the day, there will be campus memory walks, food and drinks, alumni band performances, a memorial walk tribute and family sporting events.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the City Council, on behalf of the residents and citizens of Manhattan Beach, California, does hereby award this commendation to Mira Costa High School in celebration of its 60th Anniversary.*

Congratulations to MCHS and the entire community. We now have the task of not only continuing, but improving upon this excellence. I know we are up to the challenge!

Thank you for supporting our students and our schools,

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