



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

FALL 2023 REPORT
TO THE MALIBU COMMUNITY

AN UPDATE FROM SMMUSD SUPERINTENDENT DR. ANTONIO SHELTON



Dear Parents and Neighbors,

As the superintendent of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), we're proud of our work to support students and teachers so they can perform at a high level, while we ensure access and opportunity for all students.

We are committed to being strong, supportive partners for Malibu students and the Malibu community, no matter what changes the future may bring.

High-Achieving, Award-Winning District

In 2023, Malibu High School was recognized by U.S News and World Report as one of the top high schools in California and the Nation with an impressive National ranking of 660 and a State ranking of 93. This recognition underscores the school's commitment to excellence in education and student achievement.

Malibu High School, as per the 2023 U.S News and World Report Best High Schools, consistently ranks among the top 4% of schools in California and the Nation. Our graduation rates and test scores consistently exceed County, State and National standards.

Excellence at Malibu Schools

Malibu High School students benefit from a wide range of enriching programs including visual arts, performing arts, marine science and athletics, starting from elementary school and continuing through high school. With a strong focus on college and career readiness, and a graduation rate over 99%, Malibu High School is dedicated to preparing students with the best possible educational opportunities.

Thanks to the Malibu Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), Shark Fund and Arts Angels, the enhancement of student success has continued to push the boundaries of higher education. Collaborative efforts between parents and teachers are at the heart of providing an exceptional education and valuable resources for all students.

Further Improvements to Malibu Schools

The District is embarking on an ambitious initiative to improve and modernize our educational facilities, aligning them with the modern teaching and learning standards that prepare students for the demands of 21st-century jobs. The goal is to continue to improve all Malibu schools, providing all students with state-of-the-art facilities and classrooms to support the best education. The District takes our commitment to educating Malibu students seriously and we look forward to being a good partner for the future of Malibu public schools.

I look forward to a continued partnership with the Malibu community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antonio Shelton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Antonio Shelton
Superintendent, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District



QUALITY EDUCATION IN MALIBU



New Malibu High School Rendering



Photo Credit: Samantha Bravo, Malibu Times

Malibu High Groundbreaking

The District held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Malibu High School project in October 2023. This is an exciting step towards providing state-of-the-art classrooms and school facilities to ensure all Malibu students have access to the best possible educational opportunities.

The new Malibu High School is designed to support 21st-century learning. The entire building will be treated as a learning facility, allowing students to learn in an array of indoor and outdoor classrooms that support high-quality instruction. It is a high school designed for the Malibu student and community.

The new Malibu High School is scheduled to open by 2026.

Improving Aging School Facilities

We're eager to kick off the next round of improvements for Malibu schools to ensure all students have access to safe and modern schools.

These projects include:

- Improving safety and security measures, including systems to provide emergency power
- Assessments of Malibu and Webster Elementary Schools to support quality education
- Constructing an Olympic size pool and swim center
- Completing Malibu Middle School with a new building

While the new Malibu High School project has broken ground, many projects are left to be done. The District is currently evaluating options to complete the next step of repairs and upgrades at all Malibu schools.





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Continued Local Control

“SMMUSD and the Malibu Community are collaborating in new ways to prioritize needs for our students and staff, and our residents. The Malibu High groundbreaking was a pivotal step for the future of our local schools. We continue to work together to ensure that improvement and modernization projects are completed effectively and efficiently.”

– Stacy Rouse, School Board Member



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