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A message from our President

On behalf of the SRVEF Board of Directors, Staff, and the Major Gifts and Endowment Fund Committee, I'm honored to share how your generosity continues to shape the future of public education in the San Ramon Valley.

For over four decades, the Major Gifts and Endowment Fund has been a cornerstone of lasting support for our students and educators. Its vision is to provide a stable, local funding source that enables the San Ramon Valley Unified School District to pursue long-term and innovative programs that enrich learning.

Thanks to donors like you, our Endowment now exceeds \$3 million and continues to fuel programs that spark curiosity, creativity, and lifelong learning, programs that might not exist without your support.

One of our most exciting initiatives to date is the **Interdisciplinary Cohort**, launched at Dougherty Valley High School in 2024–2025. This innovative program unites a team of teachers and ninth-grade students in a collaborative, cross-subject learning environment that fosters critical thinking and prepares students for college, careers, and community impact.

With Endowment support, the program has expanded to Monte Vista High School in 2025–2026, giving even more students access to this forward-thinking, solutions-based model. The Cohort builds community, empowers both students and teachers, and shows how creative partnerships can transform education in our district.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to growing the Endowment as a permanent source of stability, one that supports today's classrooms and tomorrow's innovations. The need for strong, locally driven funding has never been greater, and your continued partnership makes it possible.

Thank you for your generosity, your trust, and your belief in our students.

With gratitude,
Gary Alpert, President
San Ramon Valley Education Foundation

A message from our SRVUSD Superintendent

On behalf of SRVUSD, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your generous and continued commitment to our students. Your investment in our schools, educators, and programs has a direct and lasting impact, helping us provide exceptional learning experiences for all students.

Last month, during my **State of the School District Address**, I shared some of the key areas where your support continues to drive meaningful impact. The success of our students remains the clearest measure of that impact, and I am proud to share a few highlights that reflect the strength of our district:

- 97.3% graduation rate
- 96.2% of our graduates plan to attend college
- 64% of our students participate in athletics or performing arts
- 1,875 dedicated volunteers
- 14+ years average experience of teaching staff

In a dynamic educational landscape shaped by challenges such as declining enrollment and inadequate state funding, our philosophy demands flexibility and innovation similar to a 'square peg, round hole' approach. While there are variables we can't control, we are absolutely committed to examining and adjusting those we can through a three-pronged focus: **Rethink, Reshape, Respond**.

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We are rethinking school finance by advocating for policy change to create a more equitable state funding model, one that better reflects our region's cost of living and accounts for enrollment rather than attendance. Locally, we're pursuing a strategic property acquisition to strengthen our general fund, implementing a supplemental early retirement program projected to save \$14 million over five years, and participating in the California Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) to secure reimbursement for student services already provided.

We are reshaping teaching and learning to ensure students are prepared for a rapidly changing world. From expanding our interdisciplinary cohort program at Dougherty Valley and Monte Vista High Schools to revising grading policies that emphasize mastery and consistency, our focus remains on access and academic excellence. We are also embracing new tools—such as Gemini AI for Education—to enhance learning under responsible, guided use.

And we are responding to a dynamic future through ongoing leadership stability, expanding career technical education (CTE) pathways, harnessing AI to deepen learning, and recruiting and retaining the next generation of exceptional educators.

Celebrating the stories of our outstanding **30 Under 30** Young Alumni Honorees has been a powerful reminder of the promise and possibility of our youth when they are provided with a strong academic foundation and meaningful support. The impact of our work reaches far beyond the classroom- we could count the dollars, but we'd miss the biggest return on investment, the future of our students.

Thanks to partners like you, our future is bright. Together, we are building the leaders and innovators of tomorrow.

With sincere appreciation,
CJ Cammack
Superintendent, SRVUSD



Continuing & Expanding Interdisciplinary Excellence

The Interdisciplinary Cohort at Dougherty Valley High School continues to drive educational change with its dynamic teaching framework **connecting classroom academics to complex global issues**. Now in its second year, the program cultivates crucial skills—including creative problem-solving, collaboration, leadership, and analytical thinking—by merging traditional subjects into unified, real-world projects. Students benefit from learning experiences that highlight the synergy between disciplines, preparing them comprehensively for future success in higher education and professional careers. Throughout the year, students focus on broad, high-impact themes drawn from the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. A key element of the curriculum is using a global lens to act and think locally as a structure for learning. This approach provides students with a relevant, meaningful context for their academic pursuits while inspiring them to critically analyze local, national, and international concerns.

Sustaining this innovation is ongoing professional learning for participating educators. Teachers receive specialized guidance in developing complex interdisciplinary projects that challenge students to think critically and innovatively, mirroring the multifaceted demands of the modern world.

Building upon a strong inaugural year, the program **expanded to Monte Vista High School, serving an inaugural cohort of 123 students**. The future goal is to broaden to more schools and students across the district. Early positive feedback demonstrates its effectiveness: students report a significantly increased sense of engagement and relevance in their studies, and faculty are embracing sophisticated, innovative practices that deepen learning across all content areas. The Cohorts are a powerful demonstration of how education can be restructured to prepare students to contribute actively and thoughtfully to their communities and the world. With the continued support of the SRVEF Major Gifts and Endowment Fund, this effort is set to leave a lasting legacy, inspiring a new generation of informed scholars and engaged global citizens.



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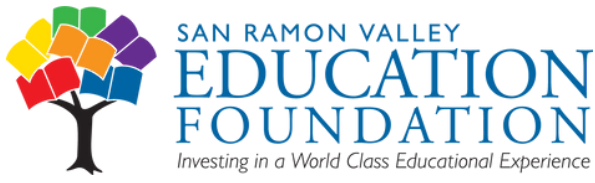
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2025 Celebrate Innovation in Education

The San Ramon Valley Education Foundation Major Gifts and Endowment Fund held its Celebrate Innovation in Education lunch on February 12, 2025 at Diablo Country Club. Attendees were treated to a performance by the Alamo Elementary Choir, an inspiring State of the District talk, and updates on initiatives funded by the Endowment Fund - including the Freshman Interdisciplinary Cohort, Generation Citizen, and Visual and Performing Arts. We are thankful for all of you who joined us and for your financial support of the Endowment Fund.

We would like you to save the date to join us at our **2026 Celebrate Innovation in Education lunch on February 11, 2026**, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at Diablo Country Club. Thank you for supporting our mission!

