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“Malibu Elementary School” Announced as New School Name

SMMUSD is combining two Malibu schools and engaged the community in the decision

The staff and parents of Juan Cabrillo Elementary School and Point Dume Marine Science School have voted and the name for the newly combined school is: **MALIBU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**. The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District announced the name to the community on May 27, 2019, after a process that included engaging the community in a suggestion survey, then a vote by parents and staff.

The votes were nearly 60% in favor of this new name. In recognition of their importance to the future of this new school and out of respect to their long tenure before and after this merger, teacher votes were weighted by a factor of three in the final tally.

Five names were on the ballot following outreach that included the entire Malibu community for name suggestions. The top five names were: John and Amanda Ballard Elementary School, Malibu Elementary School, Ocean Elementary School, Surfside Elementary School and Westward Elementary School.

Newly appointed Principal Mr. Chris Hertz will work with staff and students in the fall to select a mascot and school colors.

“We are looking forward to moving ahead with the continuing work of program development that will ensure the academic and social-emotional success of every student,” Malibu Pathway Director Isaac Burgess IV, said. “Thank you to parents, staff and the Malibu community for participation in this important process.”

Modernization work is in process and will continue through the summer at the Malibu Elementary School site, formerly Point Dume Marine Science School, to ready the school for the fall.

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