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Dear KSD Community,

A warm welcome to the 2019-20 school year from your Kentfield School District Board of Trustees! We have three timely updates to share:

- 1. The Kentfield School District (KSD) and the Kentfield Teachers Association (KTA) reached a [two-year contractual agreement](#) over the summer, which received a unanimous vote at our board meeting today.** We could not be more thrilled by this announcement and look forward to working with the KTA in the spirit of mutual respect, collaboration, and transparency in the year ahead. Read more in the recent [Aug 22 Marin IJ article](#).
- 2. The KSD will initiate a strategic planning process on Oct 17-18. Key areas of discussion will be how to best achieve our mission of providing the best education possible to all Kentfield students through a lens of equity, and to look for ways to reduce costs and increase our revenue in the long-term.** We look forward to joining with a representative group of stakeholders in our community (students, teachers, administrative staff, parents, and community members) in developing our district priorities and goals which will guide our work in the years ahead.  
We warmly welcome all involvement in this important decision-making process for our district. Please email Superintendent Liz Schott ([lschott@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:lschott@kentfieldschools.org)) by Sept 10th if interested to participate. The session will take place from 9 AM - 3 PM on Oct 17-18, in the Kent Library. All participants must be available for the full time period on both days. Translation services will be provided as needed. Note that if you are unable to make the session and/or we are not able to accommodate your interest to participate due to space constraints, there will be many other opportunities to get involved at a district strategic level. Stay tuned to the weekly District Newsletter for more details in the months ahead.
- 3. During our board meeting on August 20th, we announced the initiation of a new superintendent search process.** We embark on the search for Liz Schott's replacement with the utmost care and recognizing the importance of this hiring decision. The Kentfield School District is a strong, top-performing district with high expectations. Our goal is to hire a new superintendent before the end of the 2019-20 school year, and we are committed to a process that is open, inclusive, transparent, and will certainly include community and staff input. The KSD Board feels very grateful for Liz's agreement to stay for the 2019-20 school year so that she can play a pivotal role in the transition of a new superintendent for the district.

Finally, our [board meetings](#) are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5 PM in the District Office. They are open to the public and we always welcome participation and feedback. If you cannot make the meetings, check out our [Board Meeting Highlights](#) and [Minutes](#) in the [School Board section](#) of our KSD website. You can also learn more about [your elected Board of Trustees](#) and [our role and responsibilities](#), and other useful info such as [how to contact the KSD Board with a question or concern](#) or a list of who to contact at [Bacich](#) and [Kent](#) with any questions.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact our board president, Heather McPhail Sridharan, at [hmcphailsridharan@kentfieldschools.org](mailto:hmcphailsridharan@kentfieldschools.org). Feedback is always welcome.

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