Redwood City 2020 Tuesday Tidbits

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Redwood City 2020 featured in the City of Redwood City Community Partnership Series

Redwood City 2020 was recently honored to be featured in the City of Redwood City's Community Partnership Series. As a core partner of the Redwood City 2020 collaborative, the City of Redwood City joins Redwood City 2020 in supporting programs which improve academic success, promote health and wellness, and increase community engagement through collaboration and collective impact. In addition to the City of Redwood City, Redwood City 2020 is grateful to collaborate with all of its outstanding core partners including: John W. Gardner Center, Kaiser Permanente, Redwood City School District, San Mateo County Health System, San Mateo County Human Services Agency, Sequoia Healthcare District, and Sequoia Union High School District.

Safe Routes to School Walk Audits

Redwood City 2020's Safe Routes to School program recently conducted walk audits at several Redwood City schools, including Taft Community School, Hoover Community School, Selby Lane Community School, and Garfield Community School. These audits identify key infrastructure barriers that prevent students from walking and biking safely to and from school. During the audits, the Redwood City 2020 Safe Routes to School team, Alta Planning, Redwood City School District staff and community school coordinators, City of Redwood City Engineering team, Redwood City Police Department, San Mateo County Sheriff's Department, San
Mateo County Office of Education staff, and families met to observe drop off traffic and make observations and comments on maps to help create a walk audit report which can be used by the City of Redwood City and County of San Mateo to prioritize infrastructure improvements and secure grant funds. In the past, Safe Routes to School walk audits have been used to leverage millions of dollars for infrastructure improvements in Redwood City and North Fair Oaks.

Research shows Community Schools are an Evidence-Based Strategy

Community schools are a key component of Redwood City 2020's Pipeline of Success initiative to ensure young people thrive from cradle to career. A new research report from the Learning Policy Institute and National Education Policy Center makes the case that community schools are an evidence-based strategy consistent with federal education law and are particularly important for equity. Last week, well-known education researcher, Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond announced the new report, Community Schools: An Evidence-Based Strategy for Equitable School Improvement. The announcement took place at the Community Schools Awards for Excellence Symposium.

Thank you to those who participated in the Tuesday Tidbits Survey! We received helpful input and we’d love to continue to receive feedback on the types of information and frequency you most prefer for these updates through the survey or rwc2020@gmail.com.

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