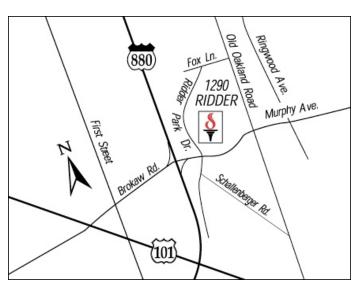
## The Morgan Hill Teacher

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## Santa Clara County School Board Navigator Vote

THIS WEDNESDAY
January 15
5:00 pm



Take Highway 101 N; exit at I-880 N (to Oakland). Travel 1.1 miles to the Brokaw Road exit.

Turn right onto Brokaw. Move into the left lane. Turn left at the first cross-street onto Ridder Park Drive. Take the first right into the SCCOE parking lot.

## If you are inclined to speak at the meeting:

- 1. You must turn in a speaker card prior to the meeting, and limit your comments to one minute.
- 2. Please keep your comments positive, focusing on how you address the needs of all students, especially EL, SpEd, and socioeconomically disadvantaged students.
- 3. Stay on our message: that we are a reform-minded and innovative district, with collaborative working relationships between administration and labor, that we care deeply about the success of all of our students, and we ask the County Board not to disrupt our progress.

## **BREAKING NEWS!**

Friday evening we received word that the County Superintendent of Schools staff recommendation to the County Board of Education will be to DENY Navigator's appeal of our board's refusal to grant them a charter school in our district. Yay!

Does that mean the battle is won and your calendar just got cleared for Wednesday evening? NO, it does not!

Please read on...

- It is still up to the County Board of Education to vote on Navigator's appeal, which they will do this Wednesday. We know that there are strong charter school advocates on the County Board; the outcome is not a given.
- We believe some members of the County Board are as yet undecided, and will actually make up their minds at Wednesday's meeting.
- Even those members of the County Board who are leaning towards a no vote are under a lot of pressure to vote yes in the name of "parental choice."
- The County Superintendent's recommendation to deny Navigator's appeal will make it easier for members of the County Board to vote no, if they are so inclined.
- We need teachers and parents to turn out in numbers! We need the members of the County Board to see that we care about this issue, that we do not support this move to exploit our students, and that we are paying attention to how they vote.
- It is not necessary for you to speak just show up and be counted!

Together, we are making a difference!