

The MBEF Donor Recognition Project: Part Two

Acknowledging The Community Behind Our Public Schools

Decades of Support

Our strong public schools are a critical element of the fabric of our community and an integral part of what we love about Manhattan Beach. They help protect property values and strengthen our connections within the community.

For decades, we have come together to support our schools through MBEF and the MBEF Endowment. The MBEF Donor Recognition Project captures the importance of our schools and celebrates the community that supports them – yesterday, today and tomorrow.

The Project

The purpose of the installation is not only to celebrate the support of our schools through MBEF and the Endowment, but also to invite viewers to witness the splendor and significance of education in our lives.

The mural depicts a Manhattan Beach child discovering the world. Aided by education, she imagines the layers of earth beneath her, the environment around her, and the future represented in the stars. The art invites the viewer to look more closely and discover the apparent and hidden elements of education, including pressed words about exploration and education.

MBEF Board Approved Adjustments

1. Retrack the request for monetary support with exception of annual maintenance including irrigation not to exceed \$2000.
2. Increase sections of art tiles by 20% and 10%
3. Add inclusive statement for all the community:
Dedicated to all of the educators, parents, students, volunteers, and donors who value and support education.
4. Distribute the tiles so that all stakeholders are mixed throughout
5. Reduce the thickness of the metal art frames to 1"
6. Add more sea life imagery to the pelican mural
7. Add 8 small textured color tiles among the donor tiles.

The Final Art



The Recognition

1. Community of Manhattan Beach

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and donors who value and support education*

2. MBEF and MBEF Endowment Donors

\$100K+ = 57 donors

\$500K+ = 3 donors

\$250K+ = 9 donors

\$1M+ = 3 donors

3. MBEF Board Presidents, Endowment Presidents

4. City of Manhattan Beach

5. Manhattan Beach Unified School District

6. Manhattan Beach School PTAs

7. Manhattan Country Club/Bay Club

The Timeline

- ☒ Winter 2020 – City Council Approval of Project and Metlox Location
- ☒ Fall 2021 – Initial Design and Proposal
- ☒ Winter/Spring 2022 – Approval and Fabrication
- ☐ Summer 2022 – Publicize Project and Finalize Recognition with Donors
- ☐ Fall 2022 – Creation of Artistic Elements and Community Workshop
- ☐ Winter 2023 – Installation and Ribbon Cutting

The Request for Partnership

We appreciate the partnership with the City Council in ensuring that the community support of education is acknowledged in Manhattan Beach.

We are asking that the City of Manhattan Beach support the project with annual maintenance, including irrigation, not to exceed \$2,000 per year.