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blame anywhere. While she feels math achievement needs to be addressed as early as the first and second grades, Sarraf also said she feels there needs to be additional teacher training that looks at different delivery methods and intervention techniques.

"Clearly it's a joint problem," she said, noting that the high school district intends to unveil a three-year plan to deal with the issue in January or February.

Archibeque said she is working on securing a state grant for Mountain View-Whisman, which could be as much as \$1 million, to fund more teacher training and math tutors.

"We are working. We are working really hard," Archibeque said. But another challenge facing the 4,300-pupil elementary-and-middle-school district is its high number of English Language Learner students. Current figures show that there are 1,947 students — 200 more than in 2003 — enrolled in the district who speak a language other than English at home. A disproportionate number of these students are struggling academically.

"It's going to take them time to get there," Archibeque admitted.

But this is not a problem unique to Mountain View nor the state.

"It's all over California and probably all over the United States," Sarraf said. "I don't know why the kids in the United States are so different than kids all over the world, where algebra is started in the third and fourth grades."

Concerns surrounding Mountain View students' math scores surfaced just days before the state Department of Education released its final scores for the Academic Performance Index (API), a ranking that evaluates schools based on how well they do on a series of standardized tests in math and English. (This week's results were virtually the same as preliminary scores released in August and reported in the Voice on Sept. 3.)

Overall, just 48 percent of California schools met their API growth targets for 2004, promoting a sharp response from state education chief Jack O'Connell. "Frankly, this is unacceptable," O'Connell said in a statement. "I know ... that we can do better. It is time to rededicate ourselves and redouble our efforts at teaching California's rigorous standards." ■

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**Answers to Questions About ...
Moffett Field Environmental Cleanup**

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The Navy would like to thank the community of Mountain View and neighboring areas for continued participation in the environmental cleanup of former NAS Moffett Field. On October 14, more than 70 residents attended our open house on Site 25. We received the following questions from the community, media, and officials which we thought might be of interest to readers of this newspaper:

Is the Navy going to clean up Site 25?

Yes. The Navy will perform a full and comprehensive cleanup.

Will Site 25 be turned into a tidal marsh?

Current property owners, not the Navy, will decide how this land will be used in the future. The Navy is currently studying what type of cleanup would be needed at Site 25 to allow property owners to implement tidal marsh restoration, if that is what they decide to do.

Is Site 25 harming local wildlife?

No. Site 25 is currently a thriving seasonal wetland.

What chemicals did the Navy use at Site 25?

Site 25 has been an open space, used to manage stormwater, for more than 50 years. In the early 1990's, with implementation of the Clean Water Act, stormwater practices changed to make sure that contaminants carried with stormwater are below the limits permitted by law. Prior to this, stormwater carried contaminants from run-off directly into Site 25. Once the water dried, residual amounts of chemicals, such as pesticides, metals, and PCBs remained in the sediment. Due to sedimentation that has occurred in the recent years, these chemicals are now below ground surface and, therefore, do not pose an immediate risk to human health or the environment.

We just want the site cleaned up. Could the Navy cleanup the chemicals regardless of what the site is eventually used for?

The Navy and regulators are working hard to complete a full cleanup of Site 25, according to the law. The goal of this cleanup is to make sure that the site does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. Cleanup alternatives will be evaluated that meet this goal and the Navy will perform a comprehensive cleanup based on the results of that analysis.

For further information about the open house or Site 25 cleanup, please feel free to contact Ms. Andrea Espinoza, Navy BRAC Environmental Coordinator, at 619-532-0911 or andrea.espinoza@navy.mil.
The Navy welcomes your input!



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RE: Community Relations Support for Former NAS Moffett Field

Transmittal: Paid advertisements announcing the 14 October 2004 Site 25 Open House and Site 25 Advertorial

Dear Mr. Maidrand:

This letter serves to inform you that ads announcing the 14 October 2004 Site 25 Open House were published in the newspapers listed below. Enclosed are tear sheets for proof of publication.

- ❖ Mountain View *Voice* – published 01 October 2004
- ❖ Sunnyvale *Sun* – published 06 October 2004
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This letter also serves to inform you the Site 25 Advertorial was published in the newspaper listed below. Enclosed are tear sheets for proof of publication.

- ❖ Mountain View *Voice* – published 5 November 2004

Please ensure that Diane Silva receives the originals and one set of copies for the Administrative Record file. In addition, please see that copies are distributed to the individuals listed below. If you have any questions about this transmittal, please do not hesitate to call me at 858-452-0031 x311.

Sincerely,



Christina Baker
Media Relations Specialist
Moffett Field

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