

# WE'RE MOVING ON

## *A message to Novato and Marin from the students, parents, teachers, staff and friends of the Marin School of Arts & Technology*

It is a shame and a tragedy that the Novato Unified School District could not put children ahead of politics and has made it impossible for the Marin School of Arts & Technology to keep its doors open to serve the children of Novato and Marin.

The truth is, the Marin School of Arts & Technology has been an unqualified success:

- 68% of our first senior class has been accepted to at least one 4-year college (including Stanford, UCLA, USC, Wake Forest, Northeastern, and the University of Michigan). 55% of our graduates who would be the first in their family to graduate from a 4-year college were accepted to a 4-year college.

- Our senior class includes a National Merit Scholar.

- Our graduating seniors have been awarded over \$830,000 in scholarships and financial aid—an unprecedented amount for a school of our size, over \$12,000 per senior.

- 100% of MSAT's graduates met the course requirements to get into the UC/CSU system.

- The Western Association of Schools and Colleges awarded the Marin School of Arts & Technology a six-year term of accreditation—the best possible

outcome and an extraordinary vote of confidence in a 4-year old charter school.

- The California Department of Education awarded the Marin School of Arts & Technology \$250,000 for its project-based curriculum—one of only two high schools in the state to receive this honor in 2006.

Perhaps the only thing more amazing than these

results is that over half of MSAT's students plan to stay with Envision Schools, the non-profit organization that founded MSAT. Over 150 current and incoming MSAT students have signed up to leave Novato and commute every day to the Metropolitan School of Arts & Technology, one of Envision School's two college-prep high schools in San Francisco.

MSAT is only one of many success stories from Envision Schools, whose innovative programs have

received over \$15 million and recognition from such organizations as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, the Charles and Helen Schwab Foundation, the Oracle Education Foundation, the Stuart Foundation and school boards across the Bay Area.

If you want to know more about the story behind the closing of MSAT, go to

[www.es-msat.org/truth](http://www.es-msat.org/truth)

***"I couldn't possibly  
go back to  
the traditional style  
of education,  
I'd be way too far ahead.  
I'd commute anywhere  
for this kind of  
cutting-edge education."***

***- MSAT sophomore***

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