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Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – June 16, 2016

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of May 19, 2016:

COTSEN ART OF TEACHING

I was invited by Laruen Bumgardner, Project Administrator, New Teacher Center, to attend the Cotsen Art of Teaching graduation at Chaminade on May 21, 2016. The graduation was for students who attend various Santa Cruz schools. The mission of the Cotsen Foundation is to transform good teachers into great teachers through a program in which proven educators receive coaching and mentoring to achieve the highest levels of teaching excellence.

CENTURY 21 REALTORS

I was asked by Board Member Dana Sales to address a group of about 20 Century 21 Realtors on May 24, 2016. During the meeting, we discussed the current status of the school districts within Santa Cruz County and the financial impacts that LCFF has had on the districts.

NEW TEACHER PROJECT COLLOQUIUM

On May 24, 2016, I attended the New Teacher Project Colloquium at PVUSD. At the end of each year, teachers and their mentors gather together for this "academic seminar" in which they showcase and discuss their work with each other and with others from a broad spectrum of the educational community, from district administrators to principals.

KAREN EDMONDS – SANTA CRUZ HIGH SCHOOL

I attended a retirement luncheon at Santa Cruz High School on June 1, 2016 in honor of their principal Karen Edmonds.

UCSC INTERNS – WILL ROSSE

I was asked by Will Rosse Ph.D, University of California Santa Cruz, to meet and speak with his interns on May 27, 2016. The interns were interested in how to make parents more involved, how to better accommodate the needs of ELL students and the importance of art in public education to name a few.

YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE (YVPT)

I met with Sarah Emmert, Director of Community Organizing with the United Way of Santa Cruz County and Johnny Rice, Senior Director, Alternative Education on May 31, 2016. We met to discuss the funding options to continue the Youth Violence Prevention Task Force (YVPT) contract between the United Way and the COE. Also, YVPT is looking to partner with Keeping Kids in Schools to host a Restorative Practices in Schools Summit to take place in the next school year.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION END-OF-YEAR MEETING

On June 1, 2016, I attended the Alternative Education Department end-of-year meeting. The meeting is held to celebrate the department's accomplishments from this past school year and to also look forward to the coming year's activities and challenges.

BARRIOS UNIDOS

I met with O.T. Quintero, Assistant Director and Kayla Kumar, Director of Operations with Barrios Unidos of Santa Cruz on June 2, 2016. During the meeting we discussed the ways our ROP students could use their recording studio and also way for them to providing counseling services to our Alternative Education students.

CAAASA LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Over the past month, I have been working with Dwight Bonds, Executive Director, CAAASA, on the CAAASA Leadership Training for Superintendents using the California Professional Standards for Education Leadership. The training will be held in Oakland on August 15, 2016.

PONDEROSA END-OF-YEAR LUNCH

I was invited to attend the Ponderosa High School End-of-Year lunch on June 3, 2016 to celebrate another successful year for this wonderful school in Ben Lomond.

LES FORSTER RETIREMENT

On June 3, 2016, I attended Les Forster's retirement ceremony from Cypress High School. Les has been a part of Cypress since before it opened in 2003, having been involved with the steering committee that began in the 2001-02 school year. Les was part of the Live Oak School District for 18 years.

CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH FOR AN EQUITABLE CALIFORNIA

I was invited by Ronald Glass, Professor of Philosophy of Education, UCSC, to an Endings and Beginnings celebration on June 3, 2016. The celebration marked the formal end of the Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California (CCREC) as a University of California Multi-Campus Research Programs and Initiative and the formal beginning of CCREC as an independent initiative.

SCHOOL EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA (SEAC)/LOBBY DAY

I attended the SEAC Board of Directors Meeting on June 5, 2016 and Lobby Day on June 6, 2016 in Sacramento. During the meeting, a proposed budget was adopted along with the dates and locations of the meetings for 2016-17.

COE GRADUATIONS

The COE held nine Alternative Education graduations held at the Portuguese Hall and one Special Education graduation held in the Tech Center throughout the week of June 6th.

CCEE

I attended the CCEE meeting in Sacramento on June 10, 2016. During the meeting we discussed the preliminary budget for 2016-17, salary adjustments for the management employees of the CCEE and we received a presentation on Foster Youth from Casey Schutte, Director, FosterEd California.

YOUR FUTURE IS OUR BUSINESS (YFIOB) YEAR-END BOARD MEETING

Shareen Bell, Executive Director, Your Future is Our Business (YFIOB) invited me to attend the YFIOB end-of-year Board meeting on June 15, 2016. During the meeting there was a "changing of the guards" as YFIOB welcomed Mary Gaukel-Forster to move into the role of YFIOB Executive Director beginning in the fall.

2016 INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR/CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR

This year was an award-winning year for students from Santa Cruz County at the 2016 International Science & Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona and the California State Science Fair in Los Angeles. In Phoenix, Benjamin Kolland from Alternative Family Education competed against over 1700 finalists from 75 countries and received a 2nd Place award from the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and a 3rd Place award in Engineering Mechanics. In Los Angeles, Santa Cruz County students were awarded with one 1st Place award, two 2nd Place awards, two Honorable Mention awards and 2 Special Awards.

SCOTTS VALLEY TRUSTEES

In Scotts Valley, two Board Members (Art Bubb and John Abel) are resigning mid-term. This will put all five of the Scotts Valley seats on this year's ballot. The district is planning to do a resolution to consolidate the election for three seats with a four-year term and two seats with a two-year term.

CERTIFICATED NEGOTIATIONS (SCCEA/CTA)

I am pleased to announce that we have successfully negotiated a new contract with the certificated staff through June 30, 2018. The contract contains a 3% increase on the certificated salary schedule for 2016/17 and a 3% increase for 2017/18.

NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

There will be three new district superintendents starting in our county in 2016/2017. Dorma Baker from Pajaro Valley Unified School District is retiring (no replacement has been named as of yet), Henry Castaniada from Soquel Union Elementary School District is retiring (Scott Turnbull from Goleta will be the new Superintendent) and Penny Weaver from Scotts Valley Unified School District is leaving for personal reasons (Tanya Krause from Campbell Union High School District will be the new Superintendent).

SPECIAL EDUCATION

With the departure of Dorothy Raab from our Special Education Department, Devon Wood has been selected to be the new Senior Director of the Special Education Department starting July 1, 2016.

NAMING OF THE NEW SCHOOL

A second public hearing was held on June 14, 2016 at the Watsonville Community School to solicit input and recommendations from the community on naming the new school building located at 229 Green Valley Road, Watsonville.

Regular Monthly Meetings

Special Education Coordinating Agency Meeting
Meeting Migrant Head Start Videoconference
Criminal Justice Council
CCSESA Executive Board
CCSESA Agenda Committee
Force Manager's Meeting

Agriculture Board
Children's Network
S4C Steering Committee
CCSESA Board of Directors
CCSESA Accountability Task