

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – December 21, 2017

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of November 16, 2017:

### **CCEE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

I attended the initial CCEE Advisory Board Meeting on November 17, 2017 in Sacramento. The purpose of the Advisory Board is to serve as a communications tool for the CCEE. Some of the items discussed during the meeting were: some of the “compliance” activities are especially high for the 293 superintendent-principals across the state; messaging and communication around dashboard data is needed as well as consistency in reporting criteria for suspension rates; and lastly, sometimes we move too fast because there's a shared sense of urgency to better serve students; CCEE can help educators slow down and reflect.

### **RADIO STATION – 399 ENCINAL**

I recently met with a group of investors/producers who are interested in purchasing a radio station and renting a portion of the Annex at 399 Encinal to house the station. The investors would be partnering with CTE, UCSC and other local non-profits to work with interested youth to create a weekly program or even a daily program of local news gathering and reading. Discussions will continue in January 2018 and I will share with the Board any outcomes that are reached on this endeavor.

### **CSBA CONFERENCE**

I attended the CSBA Conference in San Diego from November 29 – December 2, 2017. I attended many of the general sessions and breakout sessions held throughout the conference and attended meetings with the School Employers Association of California (SEAC) and the California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA).

### **STEP BY STEP: GROWING TOGETHER**

I was invited by Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent, PVUSD, to attend Step by Step: Growing Together on December 4, 2017. Step by Step is a transformative early literacy initiative that will provide bilingual literacy (at no cost) to birth through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade families within the Watsonville, Pajaro and Aptos communities. This program has been established to close literacy gaps before they begin.

## **REGION 5 SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE CALL**

The Region 5 Superintendents (Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey and Santa Cruz) held a conference call on December 5, 2017 to go over some recent changes in the region's leadership. Mary Ann Dewan has taken over as Interim Superintendent for Santa Clara County from Jon Gundry and Dr. Nancy Kotowski has taken the lead as the Region 5 representative for CCSESA.

## **RETIREMENT BREAKFAST**

On December 5, 2017, we celebrated the retirement of Sue Corso, Senior Credentials Analyst, with a retirement breakfast. Sue worked for the COE for 41 years. Sue worked here so long that she welcomed me when I first arrived at the COE.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S COUNCIL**

We held our final Superintendent's Council meeting for the calendar year at Café Cruz on December 11, 2017. The group talked about the issues that they are currently facing and some of the success stories they have had over the past year.

## **PCS MEETING**

My staff and I met with PCS Board President Tom Morell and Board member Todd Livingstone on December 13, 2017. We met to discuss the issues that were presented by a former PCS parent at the last COE Board meeting and to discuss the current discipline policy being followed by the school.

## **LAUREL JONES RETIREMENT**

I attended a retirement celebration at the Sesnon House for Laurel Jones, Superintendent/President, Cabrillo College, who will be retiring in 2018. I also attended and spoke on Laurel's retirement during a meeting of the Aptos Chamber of Commerce on December 14, 2017.

## **WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES PRE-VISIT**

The Alternative Education Department is preparing for its next 6-year accreditation cycle. The Chair of the visiting Committee, Mr. Yanik Ruley, met with us on December 6, 2017, for a one-day pre-visit. The actual visit will take place March 18-21, 2018.

## **CCEE MEETING**

I attended the final CCEE meeting of the year in Sacramento on December 7, 2017. During the meeting, we adopted a conflict of interest code, spoke about upcoming Board chair elections, the search for a successor Executive Director, and the 2016-2017 Annual Report among a multitude of other matters.

## **LANCE LINARES RETIREMENT**

I attended a retirement celebration for Lance Linares, CEO, Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, on December 10, 2017. The Foundation was founded in 1982 and Mr. Linares became only its second chief executive when he took over in 1995.

## **COE HOLIDAY POTLUCK**

The COE celebrated the holidays this year on December 18, 2017 with a holiday potluck in the Tech Center. A fantastic breakfast feast was enjoyed by all. The COE staff also enjoyed an ugly sweater contest, a white reindeer gift exchange, a cookie exchange and finally, the department decoration contest.

## **MIGRANT HEAD START ANGELS AND THE SALVATION ARMY ANGELS**

The COE staff was incredibly generous in support of families and children during this holiday season. The COE collected 75 gifts for the Salvation Army Angels and another 45 gifts for the Migrant Head Start children. Both charities support children who may not otherwise receive a gift during the holidays.

## **DIFFERENTIATED ASSISTANCE**

Mary Anne James, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services and I met with the Superintendents of four districts on December 20-21, 2017, concerning Differentiated Assistance. County superintendents and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence provide differentiated assistance for LEAs and schools, in the form of individually designed technical assistance, to address identified performance issues, including significant disparities in performance among student groups.

### **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**  
**Adult Education Block Grant**