

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – June 15, 2017

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of May 18, 2017:

### **YOUNG WRITERS PROGRAM**

I attended a fundraiser for the Young Writers Program on May 19, 2017 at the Food Lounge in Downtown Santa Cruz. The event featured New York poet Alex Dimitrov, a teacher of poetics seminars through Columbia University. I also did an interview for the Young Writers Program on June 2, 2017. The video was aimed at showing the benefits of the Young Writers Program and ultimately trying to convey the merit of the program to donors and financial backers.

### **SANTA CRUZ POLICE CHIEF ROUNDTABLE**

I was asked to participate in a Santa Cruz Police Chief Roundtable on May 22, 2017. The roundtable was created to let those invited, participate in the selection process of the next Chief of Police for Santa Cruz with the retirement of current Chief Kevin Vogel. The city recently announced that Eureka Police Chief Andrew Mills was selected for the position.

### **CAPITOL ADVISORS MAY REVISE**

I gave the opening remarks for Jack O'Connell from Capitol Advisors who came to the COE on May 23, 2017 to review the Governor's May Revise with our staff.

### **HANOVER RESEARCH**

I spoke with Rachel Dotter, Senior Director, Hanover Research on May 31, 2017. We are working with Ms. Dotter to identify and pursue new grant opportunities, as well as an overall strategy for grant development.

### **NATIONAL TEACHER CORPS PROGRAM/LEARNING POLICY INSTITUTE**

I met with the Executive Director of the California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA), Dwight Bonds, Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, CAAASA Consultant and Tara Kini who is the Director of State Policy for the Learning Policy Institute on May 24, 2017 to review the National Teacher Corps Program. The National Teacher Corps hopes to increase the pool of talented, committed and diverse teachers in California's public schools to 100,000 by 2020. With the Governor having included \$25 million for classified staff teacher training programs in the latest budget, this should help. I have also written an op-ed piece on this subject which appears to be gaining traction in the State legislature.

## **TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM**

We are actively working with the Sonoma County Office of Education to build a satellite teacher training program here in Santa Cruz. We have a significant need for Special Education teachers, and having a satellite program here in Santa Cruz, would help us “grow” our own teachers locally and at a reduced cost.

## **NEW TEACHER CENTER**

I met with Kitty Dixon, Senior Vice President/Innovation with the New Teacher Center on June 15, 2017. The New Teacher Center’s mission is to improve student learning by accelerating the effectiveness of new teachers, experienced teachers and school leaders. We spoke specifically about providing mentoring to preschool teachers.

## **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY GRAND JURY**

On May 26, 2017, I met with some of the members of the Santa Cruz County Grand Jury to go over their final report “Assessing the Threat of Violence in our Public Schools – Is Enough Being Done?”

## **UCSC INTERNS**

I was asked by Will Rosse Ph.D., University of California Santa Cruz, to meet and speak with his interns on May 26, 2017. 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.

## **HARLEY ROBERTSON RETIREMENT**

I attended a retirement celebration for Harley Robertson on June 1, 2017. Harley was a long-time COE employee and retired as the Assistant Superintendent, Business Services in Soquel. Harley has moved to Germany for his retirement.

## **SANTA CRUZ HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**

I was asked to be the keynote speaker for the Santa Cruz High School Black Graduation which was held on June 6, 2017. I spoke to the students about the achievement of obtaining their high school diploma and gave them some advice on how to best put use of their diploma during their next steps in life.

## **CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (CCEE)**

I attended the most recent meeting of the CCEE in Sacramento on June 8 2017. Some of the highlights of meeting included the 2017-18 Update on LCFF Professional Development Training Implementation Plan and Delegation of Authority of Contracting for Professional Learning Networks.

## **COE GRADUATIONS**

The Alternative Education Department held their graduation ceremonies on June 7-9, 2017 and the Special Education Department held their graduation ceremony on June 8, 2017. Thank you to everyone in both departments for their hard work in making this year's graduation ceremonies very special for the graduates.

## **ADULT EDUCATION BLOCK GRANT (AEBG) DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS**

I participated in panel interviews on June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup> at Cabrillo College to select a new AEBG Director.

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH (STEM) COORDINATOR**

I also participated in two panel interviews to fill our open position for STEM Coordinator previously held by Adam Wade.

## **COMMUNITY TELEVISION - ELECTED SPOTLIGHT**

I was invited to be interviewed by Becca Reed, Executive Director, Community Television, for their new show "Elected Spotlight". The program was created for the public to get in touch with local elected officials.

## **LANDED**

I, Faris Sabbah, Deputy Superintendent, and the Superintendents of PVUSD, SCCS and Soquel met with Ian Magruder from Landed Inc. on June 14, 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to continue our conversation with Landed on down payment support for Santa Cruz County teachers to purchase a home. The Landed program offers to pay half of the down payment towards the purchase of the home. When the home is sold or refinanced, the homeowner will then share 25% of the home's gain or loss.

### **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**