

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – July 20, 2017

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of June 15, 2017:

RED CROSS HEROES AWARD BREAKFAST

I attended the Red Cross Heroes Award Breakfast at Twin Lakes Church. I, along with other employees from the COE, attended the breakfast to support Willie Stokes who received the Education Hero Award from the American Red Cross. Willie works with young adults in schools, at the Juvenile Hall and County Jail and at a sports camp for at-risk youth.

PAJARO VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST

I met with Francisco Estrada and the new CEO of the Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust (PVCHT), Caitlin Brune, to explore ways that the COE and PVCHT can work together to improve the well-being in our community.

MEXICAN CONSULATE

I met with Rodrigo Navarro Garcia, Counsel for Protection and Legal Affairs from the Mexican Consulate. We spoke about potential travel bans, deportation challenges, and the rights of immigrants. We will address our administrative group on August 8, 2017 to discuss how to support and provide resources to our undocumented students in Santa Cruz County.

BAY AREA TUTORING ASSOCIATION

I met with Chris Norwood with the Bay Area Tutoring Association to discuss his organization's Computer Science intervention and enrichment programs, looking at ways to expand tutorial services and academic support to our county's elementary students through their afterschool programs.

HANOVER RESEARCH

Faris and I participated in a conference call with representatives from Hanover Research wherein we discussed engaging their support to identify and pursue new grant opportunities to address the teacher shortage and expand services for students. We look forward to working with Hanover and the assistance they will provide with strategic planning and funding prospects.

SEAC BOARD MEETING

The June 23, 2017 School Employers Association of California (SEAC) Board Meeting was held by conference call between Tom Johnstone, Board Chair, Ruben Ingram, Ed.D. Executive Director and myself. We accepted the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 audit reports, approved the budget and staff contracts for 2017-2018, approved the minutes of our last meeting and discussed the appointment of a new board member.

AUTISM FAMILY NETWORK

I met with Gabrielle Johnson and Stoney Godet with the Autism Family Network of Santa Cruz (AFN) to explore ways to partner with our local non-profits in an effort to create opportunities to provide our autism students with fun, engaging events. The Gala Kick Off is scheduled for some time in October – I will inform you of the date once confirmed.

COASTAL WATERSHED COUNCIL

I spoke to Doug Green, Senior Consultant at La Piana Consulting regarding the Coastal Watershed Council's strategy project. He presented three strategic options under consideration that would ultimately strengthen the community's desire to preserve and protect the San Lorenzo River.

SENATOR BEALL

I met with Senator Jim Beall in Santa Clara to discuss revisions to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCAP) in support of underprivileged students.

CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT

Sherriff Hart and I met to review the findings and recommendations specified in the report titled "Assessing the Threat of Violence in our Public Schools". A meeting with all of the county superintendents and law enforcement agencies has been scheduled for July 25, 2017. Discussion will involve crafting a joint response to the grand jury.

BASTA SPORTS CAMP

I attended the summer BASTA Sports Camp picnic (the countywide collaborative, Broad-Based Apprehension, Suppression, Treatment and Alternatives Program). Participation in this successful summer program has grown with over forty students enrolled this year. The camp is operated with the support of five staff members and a number of volunteers.

PARCEL TRANSFERS

We have been working with the CDE and the County of Santa Cruz to correct prior year property tax apportionments which did not properly reflect the transfer of parcels between Scotts Valley Unified School District, Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District and Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District. I have been informed by Jean Gardner, Senior Director of Fiscal Services that these corrections can be made this fiscal year with the submission of the tax apportionment report.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

I attended the Criminal Justice Coalition (CJC) Executive Board meeting today. With new leadership at many of our local law enforcement agencies, our discussion involved moving forward as a council. Do we focus our energy on gang related issues or are we moving in a difference direction with different priorities? I will work with the council to put on a conference in the Spring addressing strategies to prevent youth violence.

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