

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – August 17, 2017

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of July 20, 2017:

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT THREAT ASSESSMENT MEETING

I met Santa Cruz County Sheriff Jim Hart along with other members of the Santa Cruz County law enforcement community and our local district superintendents on July 25, 2017 to review the Santa Cruz Civil Grand Jury Report on Threat Assessment. The meeting was to ensure that we were all in agreement on the understanding of the report and to ensure that we had a collaborative response back to the Grand Jury.

HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

I met with Laurel Jones, President, Cabrillo College, Kris Munro, Superintendent, Santa Cruz City Schools and Angela Meeker, Principal, Delta Charter High School on July 27, 2017 to discuss Early College and Dual-College enrollment for high schoolers.

BUSINESS SERVICES KICKOFF MEETING 2017-18

I attended the Business Services Kickoff Meeting held at Seacliff State Beach on July 28, 2017. The Department participated in Team Bonding and Sharing as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

PAC 6 CONFERENCE

I attended the PAC 6 Conference in Mendocino from July 29 – August 1, 2017. Representatives from Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Sonoma, Santa Cruz, Napa and Mendocino County Offices were in attendance. Peter Birdsall, Executive Director, CCSESA was the keynote speaker. Some of the topics discussed during the conference were: Strengths and Strengths-Based Schools; Direction of Hope (presented by the CDE); Financial and Political Savvy and a breakout session on Job-A-like Groups.

CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE (CCEE)

I attended the most recent meeting of the CCEE in Sacramento on August 3, 2017. A few of the highlights of the meeting were: Retroactive approval of Professional Learning Networks contracts; Revised 2017-18 update to the LCFE Professional Development Training Implementation Plan; and CCEE's role in Integrated Statewide System of Support.

MARY FRANCIS MEMORIAL FUND MUSIC FESTIVAL

I was invited to attend the first annual Mary Francis Memorial Fund Music Festival on August 5, 2017 in Corralitos. Mary was a beloved middle school teacher who passed away earlier this year in an automobile accident. The proceeds from the festival will be given to middle schools for science field trips.

SANTA CRUZ POLICE CHIEF

I attended the swearing-in ceremony for the new Santa Cruz Police Chief on August 7, 2017. Chief Andrew Mills, who was the police chief in Eureka, California, replaces Chief Kevin Vogel who spent over 30 years on the Santa Cruz Police force.

ADMIN KICKOFF

The COE's annual Admin Kickoff was held on August 8, 2017 at New Brighton Middle School. Barry E. Knight was the keynote speaker for the Kickoff. Mr. Knight is the founder and CEO of BEK Impact Company that helps leaders with impacting those that they lead and serve.

SENATOR MONNING VISIT TO THE COE

California State Senator Bill Monning, made his annual visit to the COE on August 9, 2017. Approximately 30 people participated in the Senator's visit. Senator Monning was very interested in learning the positives and the challenges that each of the districts and the COE are currently facing. Senator Monning also gave a "Sacramento" update to inform the audience of upcoming bills and measures that are making their way through the legislature that affect education.

SCHOOLS AS POLLING PLACES

Gail Pellerin, Santa Cruz County Clerk, came to the COE on August 9, 2017 to speak to the Superintendent's Council concerning using schools as polling places during the 2018 elections. Ms. Pellerin wanted to inform the superintendents of the election dates and to hear from the superintendents about any of their concerns.

ROP ANNUAL ORIENTATION

I attended the annual ROP Orientation on August 9, 2018. The Orientation is scheduled each year to share ROP's goals and visions for the upcoming school year. This year, ROP will be serving over 3,000 students with 130 classes at 18 sites, utilizing 61 teachers, four college and career coaches, three support staff and two administrators.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

I attended the Criminal Justice Council Executive Committee meeting on August 10, 2017 at the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. During the meeting we were given reports from the Community Corrections Partnership, the Santa Cruz Anti-Crime Team Gang Task Force, BASTA, and the Youth Violence Prevention Taskforce (YVPT). The South County BASTA Program also provided the Committee with a presentation on South County BASTA and YVPT initiatives.

SANTA CRUZ ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE (SCAEC) BOARD MEETING

On August 11, 2017, I attended the SCAEC Board Meeting at Cabrillo College. Highlights of the meeting included: Approval of the fiscal year 2017-18 Annual Plan; Reallocation of Cabrillo's FY 2015-16 funding; and Regional Marketing Initiatives & Work Plan Progress.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS (CAAASA)

I was a facilitator and presenter at the CAAASA Leadership Academy in Sacramento on August 12, 2017. The Leadership Academy is conducted to help aspiring superintendents learn the steps on becoming a superintendent and to give current superintendents the tools they need to have a positive and long-lasting Superintendency.

MANAGER'S RETREAT

We held our yearly Manager's Retreat at UCSC on August 15, 2017. During the retreat, each manager spoke about their goals and hopes for this upcoming year and also about diversity and the role it plays in the workplace. We ended the day with lunch and a tour provided by Food What!?! on the UCSC campus.

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