

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

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of August 17, 2017:

### **SCOTTS VALLEY WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST**

I was invited by Tanya Krause, Superintendent, Scotts Valley Unified School District to attend the Scotts Valley Welcome Back Breakfast on August 18, 2017 at Scotts Valley High School. It was very encouraging to see and welcome back the staff for another terrific school year.

### **COE ORIENTATION**

We held the annual COE Orientation on August 21, 2017 here in the COE parking lot. Breakfast burritos were served for all to enjoy. We welcomed all of our new employees who have joined the COE since last year and we recognized all of the employees who have given many years of faithful service. We even tried to partake in the solar eclipse but Mother Nature did not want to cooperate.

### **2017 REALTORS PRESENTATION**

On August 25 2017, I along with Mary Anne James, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services and Jim Guss, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent presented a three hour overview to approximately 15 local realtors. The presentation covered the state of education in Santa Cruz County and introduced some tools that are available for the realtors to use in helping families choose homes near the schools they would like for their children to attend.

### **WASHINGTON DC**

I was asked by Dwight Bonds, Executive Director, California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA) to join him in Washington, D.C. from August 29, 2017 through August 31, 2017. The purpose of the trip was to meet with Deborah Delisle, former Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education and current Executive Director and CEO of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) and her Associate Executive Director Ronn Nozoe. During our meeting, we discussed creating a national partnership to increase the number of educators of underrepresented students into leadership positions.

## **INSIDE EDUCATION**

I was asked by Sandy Mast, Director, Inside Education to welcome the newest class (Class 10) of Inside Education participants on September 7, 2017. I gave the participants a quick presentation on Santa Cruz County schools and what they can expect to learn and experience during their year in Inside Education.

## **SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**

I met with Andrew Mills, the new Police Chief of the Santa Cruz Police Department on September 8 2017. During our meeting we discussed different ways to ensure student safety and create community engagement.

## **LANDED**

I met with Ian Magruder with Landed, Inc. on September 12, 2017. Mr. Magruder and I discussed raising revenue for teacher housing in Santa Cruz County.

## **APTOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

I was asked to be the Back to School Keynote Speaker at the Aptos Chamber of Commerce on September 14, 2017. I spoke to the Chamber about the state of education in both Santa Cruz County and California.

## **NARCAN**

I met with Dr. Arnold Leff, Health Officer and Medical Services Director, Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency on September 15, 2017 to discuss the use of Narcan in Santa Cruz County Schools. Narcan (an overdose antidote) is used in preventing opioid overdoses. We are working on how to best obtain this antidote for use in our schools. I suggest that the Policy Committee convene to consider creating a policy that will allow the use and distribution of epinephrine auto injectors and Naloxone (Narcan) in COE Programs.

## **FOOD WHAT?!**

I attended the Food What?! Annual Fall Benefit Dinner on September 17, 2017 at the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park. The dinner brought together over 300 members of the Food What?! family (youth, parents, teachers, nonprofit leaders, local businesses, elected officials, farmers, supporters and more) to hear the youth in the program come to the mic and share their personal stories of growth and transformation from their year at Food What?!

## **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**