

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – September 20, 2018

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of August 16, 2018

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

I was invited to attend the annual Scotts Valley Welcome Back Breakfast on August 17, 2018. It was really nice to see all the faculty ready and prepared for another school year.

### **COE ORIENTATION**

We held this year's Orientation for the first time at Sequoia Schools in Freedom on August 20, 2018. Everyone was treated to a delicious burrito breakfast. During the program we introduced our new employees, recognized employees who are achieving milestone service years and then we recognized a number of employees with awards from their supervisors and their peers. It made for a great start to the 2018-2019 school year.

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

I attended the most recent meeting of the CCEE on August 23, 2018 in Sacramento. During the meeting we discussed the Executive Director's Progress Report, CCEE Proposed Policies, a pilot program for the Anaheim Union High School District, the CCEE's Partnership Activities, holding a Board Workshop and the CCEE Annual Budget and the State Budget Report.

### **REALTORS' PRESENTATION**

Jivan Dhaliwal, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services and I gave our annual presentation on education to the local realtors on August 24, 2018. The realtors were very enthusiastic about the information we provided to them and they had numerous questions as well.

### **CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS (CAAASA)**

I attended the CAAASA Board Retreat and the CAAASA Roundup in Long Beach from September 5, 2018 through September 8, 2018. The theme for the conference was "Creating an Equitable Education for African-American and Other Students of Color: Strategies, Solutions, and Resources". The focus of the Roundup was to help educators as well as community stakeholders in sharing best practices that are student-centered, focused on learning, engaging community and to use continuous improvement to better the outcomes for all students of color.

## **CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT**

I was honored to speak and attend the recent the Climate Action Summit in San Francisco on September 12, 2018 along with Amity Sandage, the COE's Environmental Literacy Coordinator. The one-day summit focused on elevating the importance of education as a systemic, strategic tool to advance climate action and identify how youth can work together to support policies and initiatives to advance climate actions more broadly.

## **EDUCATION EQUITY FORUM**

On September 13, 2018, I was a panelist at the Education Equity Forum in Sacramento on behalf of CAAASA. My message was to tell how important it is to have leadership, administrators and Superintendents buy-in and support any promising practices (Bright Spots) that improve the academic outcomes and opportunities for students.

## **SUPERINTENDENTS COUNCIL**

Deputy Superintendent Faris Sabbah facilitated the latest Superintendent's Council meeting on September 13, 2018. The Council welcomed two new Superintendents to the team: Mike Heffner from Bonny Doon who replaced Stephanie Siddens and Lorie Chamberland from Live Oak who replaced Tamra Taylor.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE COALITION (CJC)**

I met with Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Ariadne Symons and Cabrillo College President Matt Wetstein on September 14, 2018 to discuss Cabrillo College's continuing support of keeping kids safe through the Santa Cruz Criminal Justice Coalition.

## **HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Harbor High School celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 14, 2018. The event was well-attended with members of the first graduating class there to speak about the high school. We also had an opportunity to tour the school and see different classrooms.

## **TANNERY WORLD DANCE AND CULTURAL CENTER**

I attended a benefit dinner for the Tannery on September 15, 2018. This year's event was titled "To the Nines" and was hosted in order to raise funds to benefit Tannery programming.

## **SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

On September 17, 2018, I along with Santa Cruz City Schools Superintendent Kris Munro, were part of a conference call with the San Jose State University College of Education. The College of Education contacted us to explore potential collaborations between SJSU's College of Education and the COE and the districts in our county. SJSU stated during the call that they have begun internal conversations on how they might use blended or online learning options and/or programs taught at off-campus locations to support district needs.

## **AB109 OPERATIONS WORK GROUP**

I attended the AB109 (California's Solution to Reduce Overcrowding, Costs, and Recidivism) Operations Work Group Meeting on September 19, 2018 at the Santa Cruz County Probation Department. During the meeting we received an update on the Probation Service Center, we discussed AB109 data reporting and 2019-2020 requests for proposals.

## **EQUITY INSTITUTE**

Tomorrow, September 21, 2018, we will be hosting the first session in year 2 of the Equity Institute here at the COE. The institute will provide an opportunity for past participants to review concepts of equity and cultural proficiency while more deeply engaging in strategies, activities and research to support the monitoring and revision of their equity action plans. Participants will also receive additional direct support in implementation of action steps through coaching, site visits and consultation with Generation Ready Consultant, Nicole Anderson as well as from Dr. Jeff Duncan Andrade from Roses in Concrete Charter School in Oakland.

### **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**