

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – October 18, 2018

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of September 20, 2018

EQUITY INSTITUTE

On September 21, 2018, we hosted the first session of year 2 of the Equity Institute here at the COE. The institute provided 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 also received 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.

CCSESA FEDERAL ADVOCACY TRIP – WASHINGTON D.C.

I attended the CCSESA Federal Advocacy Trip to Washington D.C. from September 26-28, 2018. CCSESA, in conjunction with the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA), scheduled meetings with legislators on September 26th and September 27th. The trip was also held in conjunction with AESA's Educator's Call to Action Conference. AESA brought in high-profile guest speakers from administrative agencies and the Hill. The trip was a very informative and rewarding experience.

FOOD WHAT?!

Food What?! hosted its Fall Annual Benefit Dinner on Sunday September 30, 2018 at the Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park. The dinner invites the community to take a look inside their program, hear directly from the Food What?! youth and gives the community an opportunity to support their work during the coming year.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

On September 30, 2018, I attended CASA's Imagine 2018 event at the Chaminade Resort & Spa. CASA screens, trains and professionally supervises caring adult volunteers who serve as mentors and powerful advocates for more than 2,000 of Santa Cruz County's most vulnerable children; those who have been severely abused, neglected or abandoned. Children with a CASA Advocate are more likely to grow into healthy adults who can break the cycle of abuse and neglect.

ORGAMETRICS

On October 1, 2018, I met with Mr. Art Johnson, CEO, Orgametrics. Orgametrics offers assistance to districts using data as does Differentiated Assistance. Soquel Union Elementary School District has also looked into Orgametrics in helping their district improve their organizational effectiveness.

BETTER TOGETHER

I have been working recently with Ms. Kitty Dixon, Sr. VP, Innovation, New Teacher Project in bringing Better Together to Santa Cruz. Better Together is an organization that brings teachers together from across California which results in a thriving community made by teachers for teachers in supporting the success of every student in California. With the Gates Grant sunsetting soon, we are looking to Better Together to partner with our LEA.

ELLEN MOIR RETIREMENT

I attended and moderated Ellen Moir's retirement celebration on October 9, 2018. Ellen was the founder and CEO of the New Teacher Center (NTC) and decided to retire after being with NTC for 20 years. This nonprofit organization partners with districts to support new teachers in their first years on the job.

MANAGER'S MEETING

The October Manager's meeting was held on October 10, 2018. Deputy Superintendent, Faris Sabbah presented the Strategic Plan to the managers for the upcoming year.

CCEE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND CCEE MEETING

I went to Sacramento on October 3-4, 2018 to attend a CCEE Advisory Council meeting and the regularly scheduled CCEE meeting. Highlights from the meetings included the 2018-2019 CCEE Organizational Goals and a look ahead to the initiatives and actions that the CCEE may take in the coming years.

INTEGRATIVE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Review Team for the Integrative Leadership Academy (ILA) Charter appeal met on October 9, 2018 to review and discuss the appeal from all aspects of the organization. The team will make its recommendation at the October 18, 2018 Board meeting. Also, the COE Trustees Charter Schools Committee met with me on October 10, 2018 to review and discuss the appeal.

PAYROLL/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Mary Hart, Faris Sabbah and I treated the COE Payroll and IT departments to lunch at the Palomar Café on October 9, 2018. The staff members in each of these departments work "behind the scenes" and we wanted to show our appreciation for all of their hard work in support of the COE.

CCSESA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

I attended the most recent CCSESA General Membership Meeting in San Mateo from October 13 – 16, 2018. During the conference, I was honored to have been recognized with the CCSESA Perpetual Award for Outstanding Accomplishments Award.

BAYSCI

We have been working with our 10 Districts to bring BaySci to Santa Cruz County. Nehal Pfeiffer, Manager, Science Education, has been spearheading this endeavor. Led by the Lawrence Hall of Science, Exploratorium, and Inverness Research, BaySci is a coordinated effort by science education leaders, Science-rich Education Institutions (SREIs), districts, schools, and teachers to systematically enhance the quantity and quality of K-12 science teaching and learning in districts and schools.

BaySci is aimed at improving the likelihood that every student in BaySci districts will encounter high quality science experiences within a national and state context surrounding the implementation and convergence of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The work of BaySci ensures that our partners see NGSS and the Common Core are not just aligned, but convergent, and that implementing both are essential to curricular and intellectual coherence in our education system.

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