

Yolo County Board of Education Update
November 28, 2017

College and Career Readiness (CCR) – Director Lori Perez

- We were awarded two state CTE grants for Teacher Mentorship and development of a statewide Teacher Externship Toolkit - total award is \$35,000
- Staff attended and presented at the state CTE conference on student workforce development opportunities and successful partnerships with industry partners.
- YCOE CCR Staff collaborated with the Yolo County District Attorney's Office and Victim Services and provided a Multi-Cultural Community Council 3-day Youth Leadership Academy serving 17 students.
- 29 students from Washington Unified attended a field trip to Sonoma State University over Thanksgiving Break. Karen Swan in the CCR department coordinated and led the field trip. Students learned about college opportunities and financial aid. The field trip was in partnership with YCOE C&I department and the City of West Sacramento

Curriculum and Instructional Services – Director Deb Bruns

- **Literacy & English Language Development:**
 - Coaches from American Reading Company spent a day with Cesar Chavez and Dan Jacobs staff as part of the implementation of the American Reading Company program to engage and support students in independent reading.
 - Maria Chairez presented a workshop on language development and literacy for Head Start staff at their November 17 in-service.
- **STEM/Educational Technology:**
 - **2nd Annual Yolo County STEM Girls Summit (November 7)** 80 middle school girls from all 5 Yolo County school districts participated in hands-on workshops presented by UC Davis and Woodland Community College Science and Engineering students & faculty, USDA Genomics Project, GRID Alternatives Solar, Explorit Science Center and City of Woodland Maker Space. The students worked in small groups with students from several schools and high school mentors from Woodland HS and Cesar Chavez Community School. Presenters volunteered their time, school sites covered transportation and release time for teacher chaperones and a YCOE mini-grant covered food and material costs.
- **Science Support:**
 - **NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) Framework Roll-out:** C&I Director Deb Bruns and CCR Specialist Karen Swan both presented at the Rollout #4 at CSU Chico on November 14-15. Over 200 TK-12 teachers and administrators from Northern California attended the event organized in collaboration with CCSESA, CDE and WestEd/K-12 Alliance. Deb will be presenting at another roll-out event in Sacramento in May.
- **Project SOLAR:**
 - **River City HS Garden Solar & Wind Energy Installation** - On November 17th RCHS students in the Engineering Academy worked with Strategic Energy Innovations and members of the local IBEW to install solar panels and a wind turbine in the school garden. The panels and turbine will power the tool shed and greenhouse, allowing students to grow crops year-round as part of their Community Supported Agriculture program. Andrew Tait, RCHS English teachers noted that “the solar/wind installation is unparalleled in West Sacramento’s urban gardening scene. Hopefully, River City High School, Yolo County Office of Education and the City of West Sacramento can serve as a model of collaboration and the great things that happen when we all work together and live responsibly.” The partnership was developed as one of YCOE’s Project SOLAR Energy Academy projects.
- **Upcoming:**
 - **November 29: Next Generation Science Standards, Winters Elementary**, presented by Deb Bruns
 - **November 30: Yolo County Educational Leaders Breakfast.** Building Bridges to Support Early Learning & Literacy, co-sponsored by Head Start

- **December 14: Kristin Souers, Trauma Informed Practice: Fostering Resilient Learners, YCOE Conference Center**
- **December 15: Pedro Noguera, Excellence Through Equity, YCOE Conference Center**

Early Childhood Services – Program Administrator Genet Telahun

- We had our PD on November 17 and the focus was on how teachers can support Language and Literacy Development during their daily interactions with children
- We Submitted the State Immunization report
- Developed 3 monthly monitoring tools (2 for education and one for ERSEA) these tools will be used to monitor service areas monthly. We will be reviewing 10% of files at each site monthly
- Completed CLASS teacher quality rating - High in “Social Emotional” (except 1 classroom), Classroom organization are high and mid (except 4 classrooms). We will be supporting these classrooms so that they can score in the high range the next time around.
- Self-Assessment is Scheduled for December 1-15
- 4 of our teachers and the EHS site coordinator will be attending the Zero to Three Conference in San Diego from November 29-Dec 1st
- Our November Newsletter will be out to families this week, the focus is in Nutrition

SOS – Director Matt Juchniewicz

- Installation complete of new water efficient touchless flush valves in conference center.
- Installation of vending misers via Prop 39 plan in the conference center.
- Installed new Ecobee EMS (Energy Management System) Si thermostats in suite 140 (Head Start suite).
- Installed new Ecobee EMS Si thermostats at Cesar Chavez (Woodland) and YCCP.
- Plainfield LED interior lighting retrofit in progress per Prop 39 Plan roughly 35% complete.
- Installation and programing completed on upgraded wifi/water saving irrigation timer at Santa Anita.
- Forklift Certification was held in November where 8 YCOE employees were certified.
- RFQ for Architects received/reviewed/interviews scheduled.
- Lemen HVAC addition/optimization completed.
- Installed upgraded wifi water-saving irrigation timer at Lemen.
- 65 work orders completed November 1st – 20th.

Special Education – Director Sharon Holstege

- Greengate/West Sac and Infant Programs
 - Wednesdays 9:00-10:30 - PE Rotation Stations with our PE Support Coaches from CCCS and Horizon WHS - Stop by any time
 - December 1 - A few teachers, paraprofessionals, and principal will be visiting Virginia School part of Yuba County Office of Education along with other county programs on public school sites to observe Unique Learning Systems, MOVE curriculum and staff to student ratios
 - December 9, 2017 - Greengate Staff and students along with Norcal Trykers will be participating in the Woodland Holiday Parade this year with their Winter Wonderland float
 - December 14 - 10:00 -11:30 - A Greengate Family Event – “Hot Chocolate with the Principal” featuring “Blues in the School”
 - Infant Toddler Group - Parents and their toddlers with hearing impairment meet every Friday at Greengate from 9:30-11:30 that supports parents and students use of oral communication and sign language while learning how to elicit language through play and daily routines - Guests always welcome!
 - November 8 - Keenan provided a lift refresher course for the Greengate staff
- ASL graduation on Dec. 20th at 10:00 at YCOE

- Plainfield students will be attending “Silent Sleigh” on Dec. 12th at the La Sierra Community Center in Sacramento
- We have a new Teacher starting in November at WHS Horizon.
- One of our ALS students earned his Forklift Certification.
- We have implemented new textbooks and curriculum in high school, middle school, and elementary classrooms.

SELPA – Assistant Superintendent Carolynne Beno

- **Professional Development:**

The Yolo SELPA offered the following professional development opportunities during November:

- **How to Hold a Compliant IEP Meeting** – The target audiences were special education instructional staff and related services providers; and the instructors were Carolynne Beno and Lisa Young (Yolo SELPA Director & Program Specialist).
- **Non-violent Crisis Intervention Training** – The target audiences were para professionals, general education teachers, and special education instructional staff; and the instructor were YCOE’s Holly Alvis and Davis’ Amy Higgins-Boyd (Behaviorists).
- **Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) Training** – The target audience was Early Head Start instructional staff members; and the instructors were YCOE’s Jill Viramontes and Lisa Young (Yolo SELPA Program Specialist).
- **Individualized Education Program (IEP) Goal Writing** – The target audiences were special education instructional staff and related services providers; and the instructor was Dr. Paula Gardner (Sacramento State University).
- **IEP Training** – The target audience was Head Start instructional staff members; and the instructor was Carolynne Beno (Yolo SELPA Director).
- **IEP Training** – The target audience was families in the Head Start program; and the instructors were Carolynne Beno and Lisa Young (Yolo SELPA Director & Program Specialist).
- **CAPTAIN Autism and Evidence Based Practices** – The target audiences were special education instructional staff and related services providers; and the instructor was YCOE’s Holly Alvis (Behaviorist).
- **Behavioral Supports in the Classroom: Effective Reinforcement Strategies** – The target audience was para professionals; and the instructor was from the Northern California Diagnostic Center (a California Department of Education (CDE) Special School).
- **Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Professional Learning Network (PLN):**
- Yolo SELPA Director Carolynne Beno has joined the PLN and attended the Improvement Science Training with Ronda DaRosa and Tami Ethier. Three improvement strategies (i.e., fishbone diagrams, empathy interviews, and process maps) were presented at the Improvement Science Training.
- These improvement strategies can be used to help understand problems of practice in our districts and each of these tools have been modeled and demoed with Yolo County’s Special Educational Program Administrator Committee (PAC) to explore reasons for non-compliance on the districts’ Annual Performance Reports (APR). For example, at our PAC meeting on November 15th, we investigated the problem of practice of low achievement for students who qualify for special education on the CAASPP math assessment using these tools. The intent is for districts to now use these tools with teams in their districts to discover the root causes of problems of practice and then action plan to improve.
- Carolynne Beno will be co-presenting with Lora Gonzalez (SELPA Director from Yuba County) at the PLN in December regarding each districts’ APR, the ties between the APR and the LCAP, and on how the aforementioned improvement strategies can be used to understand problems of practice.

Student Services/Alternative Education – Assistant Superintendent Garth Lewis

- Secured funding from the California Endowment for the Yolo County African American Student Leadership Conference - Amount: \$15,000.00
- Attended a convening jointly sponsored by Senator Holly J. Mitchell and the Youth Law Center that was focused on court school operations and outcomes for youth. Participants represented various youth-serving sectors including education, public advocacy, philanthropic (foundations), community based organizations, faith-based organizations, and governmental. A related session is scheduled for January, 2018 and will focus on youth who

are involved in the justice system transitioning to community college. Yolo County will be represented at this event

- October 25 - CCCS Students assisted with the set-up and facilitating of the Greengate Harvest Festival
- CCCS Students go next door to Greengate every Wednesday morning to participate in the Adaptive PE Program
- October 30 - Staff and Students participated in the Resilient Yolo Workshop at YCOE
- October 31- Students participated and learned the history of Day of the Dead (Both West Sacramento and Woodland)
- November 15 - Very successful parent/student night for families to pick up progress reports and/or ask any clarifying questions
- November 17 - Students and staff participated in a traditional Thanksgiving Feast followed by a great student football game
- Odysseyware is rolling out in all classes and students are signed up for at least one class. Students and staff are implementing the IRLA ELA Program and we are seeing students picking their own novels and reading each day in class

Information Technology Services – Director Jay Ehrhart

- Application for E-rate funding is in progress
- Aeries and G Suite have been Integrated for students' grade recording. This eliminates dual entry.
- G Suite Administration training. On November 30 YCOE will host AmplifiedIT. The current number of attendees exceeds 70 making it the largest training AmplifiedIT has done in 8 years of business
- California Educational Professionals Association Conference attended by director on November 17 resulting in new ideas and resolutions to some current issues and new professional relationships.
- Presented at the QSS Emergency Preparedness Committee on Disaster Recovery process.
- Director nominated to chair the QSS Emergency Preparedness Committee
- The first meeting of the North Valley CETPA Regional Group chaired by YCOE director meets December 12. The group includes Yolo, Solano, Napa and Lake counties. Expected attendance is 80
- All IT staff and Krista Purdon will be attending G Suite training November 30
- The Yolo County Directors of Information and Technology and the North Valley CETPA Regional Group have been the beginning steps to form a cyber-security committee to create a cyber-security framework to encompass areas of cyber security, firewall, end user training, software patching, policies and proceeds and cyber security insurance recommendations. It will be designed for smaller LEAs to assist them in implementing cyber security. Working together with districts and county offices the development of the framework will be distributed lightening the load on all and accelerating the process.
- YCOE will host two of the CCSESA Technology & Telecommunications Steering Committee meetings in 2018.



Educational Leaders Breakfast

Building Bridges to Support Early Learning & Literacy

**Location: YCOE Conference Center
1280 Santa Anita Court, Suite 120
Woodland, CA 95776**

**November 30, 2017
8:00AM-11:00AM**

Breakfast Provided

Who should attend?

Early Childhood Education leaders, school district and site administrators, coaches, teacher leaders in pre-K-12 with a special focus on pre-K-3rd grade.

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Meet with Yolo County educational leaders to learn and share successes and challenges in preparing our youngest students for success.

Identify potential collaborations to effectively bridge teaching and learning from preschool to elementary and beyond.

Learn more about effective tools and strategies, including the CLASS, to define and improve teaching practices.

Perspectives on Early Learning in Yolo County

- Gail Nadal, Director, Early Childhood Education, YCOE
- Shannon McClarin, Coordinator of Childhood Development, WJUSD
- Barbara Herms, Director, Elementary Education, WJUSD

Discussion (small groups): Sharing Our Successes, Challenges & Opportunities

Creating a Culture of Excellence in Your School
Melissa Kelley-Knutsen, Regional Director, Teachstone

To register go to the link: <https://goo.gl/DqT7Jq>
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