

Yolo County Board of Education Update  
April 24, 2018

Handout #1 Item  
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**Deputy Superintendent Office**

- Completing Summary Reports and team consultations for Differentiated Assistance Districts
- Reviewing 6000 board policies and administrative regulations
- Formalizing new Head Start classroom partnerships with Winters, Esparto, Lighthouse Charter and Sci- Tech Charter
- Leading LCAP Professional Learning Network
- Coordinating grant development

**Alternative Education**

- Museum of Tolerance, Homeboy Industries and UCLA Visit Field Trip April 25-April 27
  - 21 Youth and 7 Students attending (Requirements: 80% Attendance, 5 Credits, Behavior during 5 grading period.
  - Sponsored by the California Endowment.
- 18 Youth attending Sac State Visit
- 9 Youth participated in the Cesar Chavez March in Sacramento
- 15 Youth participated in a flag football game at Burbank High School with Brown Issues before Spring Break
- Open House/Dinner on May 1 from 5:30-7:30 at Cesar Chavez in Woodland
- Art Show on "First Friday" May 4<sup>th</sup> at Farmers Insurance 5:00-8:00pm
- Ms. Lynch is nominated as candidate for "Teacher of the Year" with JCCASA (Juvenile Court Community and Alternative Schools)
- Testing is currently in progress at all sites
- We have an estimate of 23-25 Graduates in June. June 7, 2018 at 5:30pm

**Special Education**

- Graduation for ALS is June 5<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation for Greengate is June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Today, Plainfield DHH hosted a signed production of Peter Pan that was done by American River College Theatre Department
- State wide testing is happening at all of our school sites
- April is Autism Awareness month
- Greengate: May the "4th" Be With You and "Cinco de Mayo" Celebration! Wear your Star Wars stuff or your red, white, and green on Friday May 4 and lets have some Nachos - Fun music outside!
- May 11 - Para-Educator Appreciation Breakfast at Greengate
- June 1 - Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast at Greengate

**Curriculum and Instruction, Director Deb Bruns**

- Curriculum & Instruction Department welcomes new Administrative Secretary, Carmen Jojo.
- Environmental Literacy/CREEC: YCOE Awarded Two Grants!
  - YCOE was one of 5 regions awarded special one-time funding for two environmental literacy projects.
- NGSS, Gardens & Citizen Science: YCOE will work with Woodland JUSD, the UCD Center for Community & Citizen Science and Yolo Farm to Fork to host a summer institute for elementary teachers and after school staff to develop NGSS lessons that use the school gardens and engage students in "citizen science". Deb Bruns will also serve as the lead for the other 4 regions that have received funding for other "District Collaboration Environmental Literacy Workshops". (\$188,000 total funding received for 2 years).

- NGSS Environmental Phenomena Summit: YCOE will take the lead in hosting a “Phenomena Summit” in collaboration with the Sacramento Area Science Project (SASP) and SCOE. The goal of the summit is to bring together teachers and local scientists to identify local “phenomena” as the basis for developing NGSS lessons.
- Project SOLAR Field Trip: Thirty students from River City HS “Introduction to Green Technology” class visited the Sunpower R&D Ranch in Davis (home to the robots that clean the solar panels) and toured Grasslands Regional Park solar installation. While at Grasslands, students also had the opportunity to learn how to fly remote control gliders - taking advantage of the thermals created by the uneven heating of the earth’s surface (another example of solar energy at work at the park!)
- The C&I Team continues to provide support to YCOE programs in Literacy/ELD. Educational Technology and STEM
  - Deb Bruns is working with Head Start teachers at Valley Oak to plan for “Friday STE(A)M Days” on May 11 & May 18th. Students will participate in hands-on explorations. Activities will be set up outside so that students can share what they learned with families at the end of the day.
  - Maria Chairez continues to ensure that all of our English Learners are tested and that our Alternative Education teachers have the resources to provide support to EL students. So far, one of our EL students has been reclassified. Testing continues through May.
  - Krista Purdom is busy coordinating state testing for all of our Alternative Education students.

#### **Upcoming events/Professional Development:**

May 1 Immigration Training, Sacramento County Office of Education - Maria Chairez is partnering to offer this training on curriculum resources on immigration

May 7-8, Accelerating into NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards), SCOE - Deb is one of the trainers

May 10, Dinner with a Scientist, City of West Sacramento Galleria (co-sponsored with Sacramento Area Science Project and Powerhouse Science Center)

June 13-14, Future Scientist Workshop, USDA Agricultural Research Station

June 25-27, Fourth Annual Floodplains Ecology Institute

#### **College and Career Readiness (CCR) – Director Lori Perez**

- Coordinated in partnership with Yolo County Election’s Office, Woodland Public Library Teen Services, Woodland League of Women’s Voters, UC Davis Early Academic Outreach Program, and Woodland Community College Admissions and Outreach the Yolo County Youth Empowerment Summit. Sixty-eight students from throughout Yolo County participated in a full-day workshop on 3/24 and engaged with 30 elected officials representing board of educations, city councils, and board of supervisors. Youth learned about voter rights, how to get involved in the community, and the role of elected officials.
- Supported 4 high school students who were youth speakers at the City of Woodland Cesar Chavez celebration. The students shared about Cesar Chavez’s life and how his work impacted their lives.
- Submitted the Public Charter Schools Startup Grant applying for \$475,000 to assist with the opening of Yolo County Career Academy. Funds will assist with equipment, supply, and technology purchases to provide programming. We should hear in early May if we were funded.
- Supported college readiness field trip to Sac State for 18 Cesar Chavez Community School Students Woodland students on April 13.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Administration of Justice Students participated in a crisis negotiations team training where the students role played in an active shooter and hostage scenario. Students learned about the process and were able to learn about various careers within law enforcement.
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Thomas Valles and Johnny Samaniego from *McFarland USA* came to Woodland to speak with our students at Woodland High School and visited Juvenile Hall and spoke with students in A,B, and C Pod. They shared their stories, what it meant to be resilient, and the impact that mentors plays on their lives. CW31 Good

Day Sacramento covered the event. Thomas has worked in the CA Department of Corrections and Rehab for 21 years and Johnny is a P.E. teacher at McFarland High School and took over Coach White's position when he retired.

- CCR staff is supporting Cesar Chavez Community School students in preparing resumes, applying for jobs, determining and signing up for college classes. Also connecting students who have WIOA hours remaining but no placements with companies and organizations where they can work to finish their hours, including YCOE's SOS department.
- Planned and supported curricular career exploration field trip to Sunpower and Sacramento Valley Soaring Society for River City High School Intro to Green Tech class.
- Piloted a leadership and urban forestry career exploration internship for 7 Washington Middle College High School students in partnership with Tree Davis' Trees for Tomorrow Program, which involves students learning about environmental justice and urban forestry, presenting lessons to elementary school students, and working with professionals to plant shade trees at local schools.
- Supported California ReLeaf and Tree Davis Arbor Day celebration, hosted at Washington Middle College High School March 7. CCR Staff organized a career panel and leveraged relationships with partner organizations to have staff from Cal Fire, PG&E, US Forest Service, City of Davis, City of West Sacramento and Tree Davis share advice and info with students about careers at their agency.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

April 27<sup>th</sup> – Countywide Trades and Apprenticeships Fair at the Woodland Community Center. Students from throughout are alternative education programs will learn about various apprenticeship and workforce opportunities.

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup> Administration of Justice Students will go on a field trip to Solano State Prison and learn about various career possibilities at the prison and in the corrections system

May 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Kinders go to College Event at Woodland Community College

May 10<sup>th</sup> – College Readiness Field Trip to UC Davis in partnership with Susan Shelton for Cesar Chavez Students

May 11<sup>th</sup> – visit to San Ramon Training Center for Local 185

May 18<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kinders go to College Event at Sac City College West Sacramento Campus

#### **SELPA – Carolynne Beno**

- **Student Transition Symposium:** The Yolo County SELPA hosted 60 students with disabilities at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Student Transition Symposium on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Yolo County Office of Education Conference Center. Our event targeted transition age students receiving special education services who are currently in high school. Students were broken into 3 groups for the day and followed this schedule:

10:00 – Kick Start to Your Future

10:15 – 11:00 – Icebreakers and Communication Skill-Building Games

11:15 – 12:00 – Rotation 1

12:00 – 12:30 – Lunch and Networking

12:30 – 1:15 – Rotation 2

1:15 – 2:00 – Rotation 3

Below is information on the workshops students participated in during their 3 rotations:

- Sacramento Area Youth Speaks (SAYS) – The presenter used spoken word poetry to help students learn to express and advocate for themselves.
- College/Career Fair – Students interacted with industry professionals and college representatives (students completed stamp cards and earned raffle prizes).
- Hire me! – Students participated in a job application workshop.

#### **SELPA May Upcoming Events:**

- **Legislative Sharing Day:** The Yolo County SELPA is taking 8 parents to participate in SELPA Legislative Sharing Day at the Capital on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be meeting with Senator Dodd, an aide for Assemblyman McCarty, and with Assemblywoman Aguar-Curry to advocate for their support of:

AB 3136 (O'Donnell) Special education funding. AB 3136 would implement key fiscal recommendations, including addressing special education funding equity by:

- Leveling up base AB 602 funding rates to the 95th percentile
- Establishing funding within AB 602 for programs serving preschoolers with disabilities
- Amending the AB 602 formula to allow a declining enrollment adjustment based on district average daily attendance (ADA) instead of aggregated SELPA ADA.
- Providing additional funding for students with significant high-cost disabilities.

AB 2704 (O'Donnell) Special education programs: Family Empowerment Centers on Disability. AB 2704 would provide the following:

- Revise the base grant for FECs from \$150,000 to \$223,000
- Prioritize creation of new FECs in areas of high need
- Improve coordination between California Department of Education and FECs by developing a uniform and rigorous data collection, monitoring and reporting system.
- **SELPA Community Advisory Committee Awards Night:** A reception, with light appetizers, will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. with the awards ceremony taking place from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Both events will take place in the Yolo County Office of Education Conference Center. We are recognizing the following educators:
  - Deborah Coppinger, Para-Educator - Davis JUSD
  - Amy Duffy, Nursery School Director - Davis JUSD
  - Lisa Yamasaki, Special Education Teacher/Inclusion Specialist - Davis JUSD
  - Deborah Hodge, WorkAbility/Job Coach - Washington USD
  - Getty's Inclusion Team: Marisol Archuleta, Michelle LaFortune, Pinky Ngo, Paige O'Donnell & Eileen Sedilko - Washington USD
  - Jenny Ramos, WorkAbility Job Developer - Winters JUSD
  - Marijke Devos, Itinerant Vision Specialist - Yolo Co. Office of Ed.
  - Heather Williams, Education Specialist - Yolo Co. Office of Ed.
- **Family Transition Symposium:** The Yolo County SELPA is teaming up with the WarmLine Family Resource Center to offer a transition symposium for the families of students with disabilities at the Yolo County Conference Center on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Families will have access to a vendor fair and presentation on person-centered planning.

#### **Early Childhood Education - Head Start and Early Head Start Program Director, Genet Telehun**

- Managers received "Leadership Training" from Region 9 on April 13
- We have our Sports event planned at various sites (see attachment)
- We have FSSA Manager interview tomorrow
- We are in the process of hiring one associate teacher at Esparto
- We are working on moving 2 classrooms out of Lincoln to Esparto and Winters and we created a communication team that meets monthly to ensure all tasks are completed so that sites can be opened on time
- Second CLASS assessment is being conducted and this is done by external evaluator
- We have our End of the Year even planned for May 19
- Working with a Consultant to provide pre-service training for staff on Creative Curriculum, DRDP, and how to work with children with challenging behaviors
- Working on the PIR (Program Information Report) to be submitted in August but we submit it ahead of time

## **IT Director – Jay Ehrhart**

- Setup an automatic data extraction to extract the demographic data from SEIS and import to Aeries. Aeries is now set up to generate reports with SEIS data
- IT Director Attended K12 High Speed Network Region 3 Node Site Meeting in Yuba County
- New security web filter placed in service for YCOE
- Delta Elementary Charter School BIIG Grant for a new data circuit has passed peer reviews and is awaiting Finance office funding approval
- IT Director Attended Technology & Telecommunications Steering Committee
- Successfully implemented the ability to create PDF images of payroll, direct deposit, W2's, 1099's. Leading the way to offer paperless check stubs reducing processing and postage costs
- YCOE has moved to an encrypted cloud based backup solution which gives YCOE data survivability and the ability to restore data from anywhere in the world
- IT Director was elected chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee for QSSUG in California