

Yolo County Board of Education Update
May 22, 2018

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Deputy Superintendent Office

- Differentiated Assistance LCAP support to Esparto and Washington school districts
- Regional PLN LCAP planning
- Beginning review and approval process for district LCAPs
- Facility planning for Special Education, Early Childhood Education and Charter school
- Staffing for 18-19 school year
- Reviewing and updating draft BP/SP policies and ARs in 6000 series
- Charter School startup support

Special Education, Director Sharon Holstege

- May 25th Black and White Ball - Prom Dance for 16-22 year olds at YCOE Conference Room from 5:30-8:30
- June 1 – Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast 8:30 at Greengate School
- June 6 – Greengate Graduation Promotion Ceremony – 10:00 @ Greengate School
- Wednesday May 16, 23, 30 - PE Rotations with APE teacher, Trino Savala, and CCCS Students
- June 5 – Adult Living Skills Graduation 10:00am YCOE Conference Center

Alternative Education, Principal Gayelynn Gerhart

- Dan Jacobs held a graduation for a youth on Monday, May 14. This makes a total of six for the 2017/18 school year.
- Cesar Chavez students in West Sacramento and YCCP are participating with **GPS Social Enterprises** which is providing trauma informed, cognitive behavioral programming for students with two facilitators for each session, Aldo Romero and Walter Anderson. The curriculum selected for this project is "Power Source", an evidence based, trauma informed curriculum specifically designed for at-risk and justice involved youth. This is a pilot program which will be evaluated for use in the fall for all youth.
- Twenty students and seven chaperones attending a three-day, two-night field trip to Southern California to visit Homeboy Industries, UCLA and The Museum of Tolerance.
- Ten students attending a field trip to UC Davis to visit the campus on May 10, an art exhibit, and to view the work of our Yolo Arts' guest teacher, Susan Shelton.
- Chavez Woodland held a very successful Open House and Art Exhibit on May 1 and participated in the Woodland Downtown's Art Walk on May 4.
- Three young ladies are attending **The 24th Annual Latina Action Day** tomorrow in Sacramento with Brown Issues.
- Students are currently working on a mural on the "ball wall" under the direction of Elyse Doyle Martinez (Elyse created the new mural on Main Street across from the Opera House)
- Students are finishing their state testing and the last round of STAR Assessments.
- Representatives from the US Army will be on campus Wednesday to meet with interested youth
- YCCP Program Graduation is June 8 at 2:00 PM at the Board of Supervisors Chamber Room
- Chavez Graduation is June 7 at 6:00 PM at The Woodland Opera House

Curriculum and Instruction, Director Deb Bruns

- **May 10, Dinner with a Scientist, City of West Sacramento Galleria.** First time this event was held in Yolo County. Co-sponsored with Sacramento Area Science Project and Powerhouse Science Center. Event was at capacity with 48 teams from Sacramento & Yolo counties attending. (A team is one secondary teacher and three students). Students engaged in engineering challenge, heard from Ann Willis, UCD Center for Watershed

Sciences about her journey to become a scientist and enjoyed a catered dinner and lively conversations with local scientists at their table.

- **May 14, Yolo County Elementary Math & Science Community of Practice (COP).** Leaders from all 5 districts met to discuss and identify instructional strategies that best support equity and access in math and science education and plan for how to share ideas and resources across districts to support teachers, coaches and administrators. The COP will meet quarterly to plan and share.
- **Upcoming events/Professional Development:**
- May 25, 2018, GO (Get Outdoors) Network, Nevada City. Networking and professional development for educators who are interested in outdoor learning opportunities. Karen Swan is partnering with UCD Center for Community & Citizen Science to offer this workshop.
- June 13-14, Future Scientist Workshop, USDA Agricultural Research Station - all 5 districts are sending teachers to this workshop. YCOE Special Education and Alternative Education teachers will be participating.
- June 25-27, Fourth Annual Floodplains Ecology Institute
- July 3-26, Project SOLAR Summer Academy: Energy & Water Resources, Woodland Community College

Curriculum and Instructions, Program Specialist Maria Chairez

- **Immigrant and Refugee Seminar:** On May 1, Dr. Maria Chairez presented to 45 teachers and site administrators at Sacramento County Office of Education, using materials created by Californians Together. Several districts from Yolo and Yuba County were in attendance. The training session was well received as many feel there is tension in schools about student and family immigration status. The session was well received and everyone received 3 books that can be used in classrooms with students to promote a safe and welcoming environment regardless of one's immigration status.
- **ELPAC Assessments:** This February 2018, marked the first time California students who are limited in English will be taking the ELPAC. Yolo County assessments included: 19 students tested in February, 33 in March, 8 in April, and 34 in May. Testing will continue until May 30, 2018. New procedures include score reports being printed by the local educational agency and then disseminated to the parent and student cume file. Previously, reports were printed and mailed to Yolo County and then mailed to parents. This change in procedure will make access to test results quicker but there will be an additional clerical burden placed on the local educational agency.
- **CELDT Test Soon To Die:** Over the past 15 years, CELDT has been the assessment tool used to identify students who report a language being spoken in the home other than English. CELDT will be replaced by the new Initial ELPAC starting July 1, 2018. The new test is more closely aligned to state Common Core and reflects the English Language Development Standards. However, the new Initial ELPAC test must be hand scored by the local educational agency and results are hand printed and then distributed to the parent and placed in student cume files. This change in procedure will make access to test results quicker but will add additional clerical burden and time for test administrators. A training of YCOE staff on how to administer the Initial ELPAC will occur May 18, 2018. This school year CELDT was administered to 67 students.
- **School Signage Update:** As a result of AB 699 passing, schools must ensure that immigrant students are protected from harassment, including denying a right to educational services. The bill which was reviewed at a recent meeting with CAFE where Dr. Chairez was in attendance may require reviewing signage posted in YCOE schools. Specifically, the law requires schools share information with families about their rights to a free public education and using the emergency information to arrange for a student's care if the parent or guardian is unavailable. Schools are encouraged to update emergency contact information and avoid contacting Child Protective Services. The school must also add bullying based on immigration status is prohibited to existing discrimination signage.

- History Social Studies Framework Roll Out: This May 22 2018 marks the 10th presentation where Yolo County staff member Dr. Chairez co-presented with UC Davis staff from the History Social Studies Project on the new framework. Critical to these sessions is helping classroom teachers use grade level appropriate textbooks rather than use substitute curriculum. The presentations have given classroom teachers specific examples of how to break down grade level material so that all students can understand and participate in a rigorous curriculum. Handouts used in these sessions are now posted on the YCOE web site for sharing.
- English Learner Special Education Task Force: The California Department of Education will hold its last meeting May 21, 2018 on how to ensure English Learners receive Special Education services. The task force was formed in response to legislation (AB2785) and the handbook is designed to help teachers understand how to refer and support students who have dual eligibility. Dr. Maria Chairez and Lisa Young will attend the meeting. County Offices of Education may be asked to help disseminate the handbook. Funding for dissemination is currently being sought by the Department of Education.
- Immigration Forum Held: On April 18, 2018, an evening Immigration Form was held at Cesar Chavez Community School and several parents and community members attended. A panel shared information on what do, how to prepare and who can help with immigration-related needs. The session was facilitated by student Marco Osorio and those in attendance were very appreciative of the information.

College and Career Readiness (CCR) – Director Lori Perez

- On April 27th we participated in the Building and Construction Trades and Apprenticeship Career Fair at the Woodland Community Center. Students from our alternative education programs had the opportunity to engage with employers and training programs. Students learned about the career possibilities with various unions including Local 3, Local 47, and Local 185.
- On May 3rd, May 10th, and May 17th 94 College and Career Readiness Admin of Justice students participated in a field trip to Solano State Prison. Students learned about various career possibilities including correctional officers, correctional counselors, and nursing. Students visited Level 2 and 3 housing units and participated in a restorative circle with inmates.
- On May 8th we held our 10th Annual Kinders go to College Event at Woodland Community College serving 116 kinders from Woodland JUSD and Esparto EUSD. Kinders were paired with their 8th grade mentor and participated in workshops coordinated by the UC Davis Early Academic Outreach Program, Woodland Community College Agriculture and MESA departments, United States Department of Agriculture, Woodland Library, and many others. We had several middle school mentors participating who once participated as Kinders.
- On May 10th we took 12 students from Cesar Chavez Community School to visit UC Davis and the Art Gallery displaying Susan Shelton's work. Students have been working for the past several years with Susan on ceramics through a partnership with YoloArts.
- On May 18th we held our 4th Annual Kinders go to College Event at Sacramento City College West Sacramento Campus serving 72 kinders. Workshops presenters included the Fire Department, Police Department, Sacramento City College Nursing, Nutrition, Aeronautics, and Coding Programs, River City High School Robotics, Programming students, and United States Department of Agriculture.
- On May 20th YCOE in partnership with Nor Cal Trykers built and gave 2 bikes away to students with special needs. YCOE also partnered with the Kiwanis and attended their giveaway on May 20th of 3 bikes.

Upcoming Events:

May 23rd ROP Biotechnology Awards Ceremony 6:00 PM at Davis High School

May 31st Hecho a Mano After School Program Ceremony 4:00 PM at Corazon CTE Center

SELPA – Carolynne Beno

Legislative Sharing Day: The Yolo County SELPA took 6 parents and 2 student self-advocates to participate in SELPA Legislative Sharing Day at the Capital on May 2nd. We met with aides for Assemblyman McCarty, Senator Dodd, Senator Pan, and we met in person with Assemblywoman Aguiar-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, was held on May 7th. We recognized the following educators for their exceptional work supporting students with disabilities:

- 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.

SELPA Upcoming Events:

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 23rd. Families will have access to a vendor fair and presentations on person-centered planning and supported decision making.

Jay Ehrhart, Director of IT

- Completed archiving of student data off of the HP3000. The HP 3000 will be retired.
- An opt out is being setup so that employees can opt to not have a pay check stub sent by postal mail which will result in cost savings
- Mitel phone training is being provided for YCOE staff
- Moving YCOE banking from Bank of America to US Bank