

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
July 15, 2022

Upcoming Events – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D

July 16: In-Person Summer Job Fair, 10:00am-1:00pm, Lovonya DeJean Middle School

July 21: Extended Learning Graduation, 6pm, Richmond High School

August 3: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30pm, Lovonya DeJean Middle School

7-11 Committee Update - Luis Freese

Before the sale or lease of District-owned property, the Board of Education must appoint an advisory committee of no less than seven (7) members and no more than eleven (11) members following the criteria outlined in the Education Code 17389. The 7-11 Committee's purpose is to advise the Board of Education in developing District-wide policies and procedures in the use or disposition of school buildings or spaces not needed for school purposes (Ed. Code 17387, 17388). The 7-11 Committee Meetings will follow the Brown Act and are open to everyone with dedicated time for public comment. We hope that you will be able to join us.

7-11 Committee Meeting Details as of July 13, 2022

Meeting Dates: July 28, August 25, September 15, and October 13

Meeting Time: 6:00pm

Location of the Meeting: 1400 Marina Way S Richmond, CA 94804

Participation in the meeting is also available via Zoom:

<https://wccusd.zoom.us/j/91992616214>

Telephone: 16694449171,,91992616214# or 16699006833,,91992616214#

Webinar ID: 919 9261 6214

Website: <https://www.wccusd.net/Page/16523>

Meeting Recordings: All zoom meetings will be recorded and posted to the District Youtube Channel for viewing.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9u1R1iSWbHzhieeGC5LvYA/videos>

Potential Properties for Consideration: Harmon Knolls, Seaview, Portola, and Adams.

Committee Membership: 8/11 of the Board-approved committee members have confirmed participation. Staff will continue to reach out to the three remaining committee members in advance of the first meeting.

Uniform Compliant vs. Williams Compliant - Luis Freese

Office of Ombudsperson ([District website: https://www.wccusd.net/Page/9516](https://www.wccusd.net/Page/9516))

The Office of the Ombudsperson is responsible for the intake and monitoring of all formal District complaints. Formal complaints include Title IX, Uniform Complaint Procedure (UCP), Williams, Special Education, and Complaints Concerning District Personnel.

The Ombudsperson serves as an independent and confidential resource, assisting parents and community members in addressing complaints, conflicts, and other school-related issues. The purpose of the District

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Ombudsperson is to ensure the complaint process is followed and that all members of the West Contra Costa Unified School District receive fair and equitable treatment in matters of concern or complaint.

Uniform Complaint

A complaint under the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) is a written and signed statement alleging a violation of federal or state laws governing certain educational programs. The UCP shall be used to investigate and resolve allegations made by a student, or a student's duly authorized representative, involving unlawful discrimination, intimidation, or bullying based on a protected characteristic.

The UCP also includes allegations of violating specific federal and state programs that use categorical funds, such as Adult Education, Career Technical Education, Child Care, and Development.

More information about the UCP process is available from the California Department of Education [Uniform Complaint Procedures](#).

Williams Complaints

A Williams complaint concerns instructional materials, emergency or urgent facilities conditions that threaten pupils' health and safety, and teacher vacancy or misassignment. They may be filed anonymously. LEAs must have a complaint form available for these complaints, but will not reject a complaint if the form is not used as long as the complaint is submitted in writing.

More information about the Williams complaints process is available on the CDE Web site [Williams Facilities Complaints and Appeals - School Facility Design \(CA Dept of Education\)](#).

Communications Update - Ryan Phillips

Monday, July 11, 2022

[Richmond elementary schools targeted by vandals](#) - Kron4

According to the Richmond Police Department, Lincoln Elementary, Richmond Charter Academy, and Nystrom Elementary were all broken into over the weekend. This comes just one week after Greenwood Academy was vandalized. Crews were busy Monday cleaning up and repairing the damages. "It's completely heartbreaking to see the extent of the damages," said Ryan Phillips. Phillips said he is not sure how much it will cost but the district's goal is to have all buildings ready by the first day of school on August 16. "We're already facing extreme budget constraints and to have to direct resources to something like this is very unfortunate,"

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

[WCCUSD braces for extensive cleanup effort after multiple schools vandalized](#) - The Richmond Standard

Three elementary schools in Richmond were vandalized over the weekend. Lincoln Elementary and Nystrom Elementary, police said. This comes only one week after Greenwood Academy was significantly

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vandalized last week. The damage done at Lincoln Elementary School was extensive, said Richmond Police spokesperson Lt. Matt Stonebraker.

[String of East Bay elementary schools vandalized for second weekend in a row](#) - San Francisco Chronicles

Over the weekend, vandals caused extensive damage to Lincoln Elementary, Nystrom Elementary and Richmond Charter Academy, said Lt. Matt Stonebraker, a spokesman for the Richmond Police Department. "It is unconscionable that anyone would want to intentionally do so much damage to a place that serves as a safe haven and place to learn for so many young people," Hurst wrote in the email. Stonebraker said surveillance video appears to show that juveniles broke into the schools but no one has been arrested yet.

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

[4 East Bay schools already facing budget deficit broken into, vandalized over weekend](#) - ABC 7

At first glance from the outside, Lincoln Elementary in Richmond looks like it would on any other summer day. Over the weekend, Lincoln Elementary, Nystrom Elementary and the Richmond Charter Academy were broken into and vandalized. It's not just the physical damage done to the schools that officials are worried about. It's also the impact it has on the community. Phillips says many are still shocked by what's happened. They wonder why anyone would want to do this. Despite the job ahead of them, Phillips says school will resume on-time on August 16. And that, together, the community will pick up the pieces once again.