

Friday Memo
June 26, 2015

Upcoming Events – Bruce Harter

June 28: Young Scholar Program, Mira Vista Country Club, 6:00 PM

July 3: District Holiday in Observance of Independence Day, Schools and Offices Closed

Hercules High Herban Movement Group Wins at Nationals – Bruce Harter

At the April 22, 2015 meeting, the Board recognized the Hercules High Academy of Travel & Tourism's Herban Movement team for their success in the Bay Area Junior Achievement competition. This week, Herban Movement won the National Award. Here's the announcement from Stacey Martin at Junior Achievement:

*It is with great pleasure and excitement to announce that Junior Achievement of Northern California Company Program **Herban Movement** from Hercules High School Academy of Hospitality and International Tourism received the coveted **Microsoft Social Innovation Award** at the Junior Achievement National Student Leadership Summit in Washington D.C. this evening.*

Herban Movement was selected out of 16 teams to receive this award. They had to successfully demonstrate how their company applied entrepreneurial thinking to create a realistic, achievable, and innovative solution to a local, national, or global social concern. The award criteria was based on the following: A 20 Interview with five judges from Microsoft and Microsoft Citizenship, Social Innovation Concept, Societal Issue, Innovation, Target Market(s), Uniqueness, Marketing, Finance, Implementation and Teamwork.

Team members include: Joseph Fortuno – CEO, Angelica Mota – VP of Finance, Tiffany Gonzales – HR Department, President, Mahal Williams – Public Relations Executive, Chelsey Winston – Marketing Executive, Alexander Walker-Griffin – President of Productions, Andrew Dirk – Member



Another Summer Program – Bruce Harter

I used the June Superintendent’s Message on our website to provide information about our many summer programs. I just found out yesterday about another one at Cal State East Bay that’s part of our I880 corridor Career Pathways Trust grant. Here’s the description from April Treece who heads the Economic Development Partnership in Contra Costa County:

We have 24 WCCUSD Project Lead The Way Engineering students and 5 BioMed Pathway & MESA students all this week at CSU-EB Hayward in the Discover Engineering! Residential Summer Program staying in dorms and working in the Engineering Department with industry and CSU Engineering Department faculty! Wonderful 60+ hour Work Based Learning experience.

Our students will enjoy the incentives that your I880 Career Pathways Program is providing for at least 20 of these WCCUSD students!

It's very exciting and a solid summer experience to develop and demonstrate the 10 Work Ready Essential Skills employers say they want from our educational system. Students are also being exposed to Robot C, another industry tool.

Former WCCUSD Board Member Named Chief Deputy to the SPI – Bruce Harter

On Thursday, State Superintendent Tom Torlakson announced that former WCCUSD Board Trustee, Glen Price will become the Chief Deputy to the State Superintendent. Attached is the news release.

Request for Proposals, Board of Education Special Counsel – Bruce Harter

The Request for Proposals for legal counsel to assist the Board in identifying audit firms to conduct a forensic audit into the allegations of Dennis Clay has been distributed. Advertisements were placed in the following periodicals and newspapers:

<u>PUBLICATION</u>	<u>AD TYPE</u>	<u>RUN DATES</u>
The Recorder	On-Line (lawjobs.com)	6/24 – 7/6
The Recorder	Publication	6/29 – 7/6
SF Daily Journal	Publication	6/25 & 6/29 - 7/2
Contra Costa Times	Publication	6/26 & 6/29

E-mail notices were sent to the following legal firms:

O’Conner/Telezinsky	Email Notice	6/26
Burke, Williams & Sorensen	Email Notice	6/26

In addition, the packet was sent to the Contra Costa County Bar Association. Proposal submission deadline is July 10, 2015. The proposal document may be found on the front page of the district website at: <http://www.wccusd.net/cms/lib03/CA01001466/Centricity/Domain/1/RFQ-IndependentAttorneyFinal.pdf>

STAR Early Literacy, CST Science, and Physical Fitness Test Data Now Online! - Nicole Joyner
STAR Early Literacy, California Standards Tests (CST) Science and Physical Fitness Test (PFT) data dashboards are now available on [WCCUSD's interactive data dashboards](#).

The **STAR Early Literacy Dashboard** (Figure 1 below) displays average scale scores of the STAR Early Literacy diagnostic assessment, which is given to grades PreK-3 to determine early literacy and numeracy progress for emerging readers. STAR Early Literacy assesses eight key domains: print concepts; phonological awareness; phonics and word recognition; fluency; vocabulary acquisition and use; counting and cardinality; operations and algebraic thinking; and measurement and data. This dashboard displays average scale scores by ethnicity, literary classification, and school; the data are pulled from Renaissance Learning.

The **CST Science Dashboard** (Figure 2 below) displays information on WCCUSD students' performance on the CST for Science assessment for the last four years. The assessment is administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 10. The dashboard includes a tab with CST Science End of Course data. Data can be sorted by grade level, ethnicity, student group, and school. The data are pulled from Illuminate.

The **PFT Dashboard** displays fitness standards achieved on the FITNESSGRAM, the physical fitness test for students in California schools. The test is administered to students in grades 5, 7, and 9. It assesses six areas: aerobic capacity; abdominal strength and endurance; upper body strength and endurance; body composition; trunk extensor strength and flexibility; and flexibility. The data on this dashboard can be sorted by ethnicity, student group, and school for the last four years. The data are pulled from Illuminate.

The CST Science and STAR Early Literacy Dashboards are under the Student Achievement category, located at <http://www.wccusd.net/Page/5385>. The PFT Dashboard is located in the Other Data category: <http://www.wccusd.net/Page/5389>.

Figure 1: STAR Early Literacy Dashboard

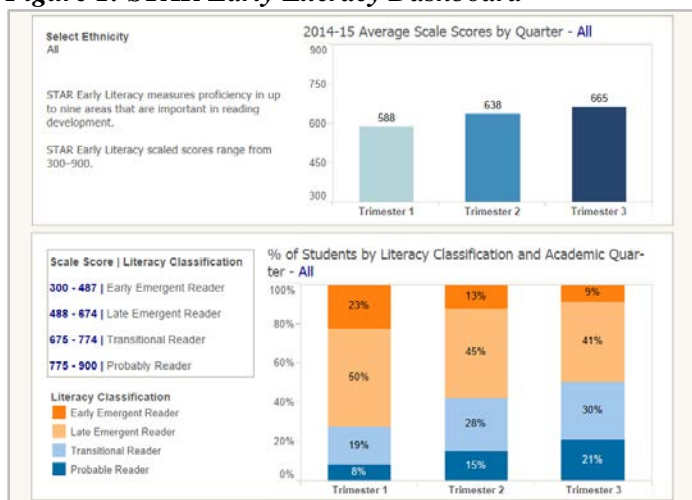
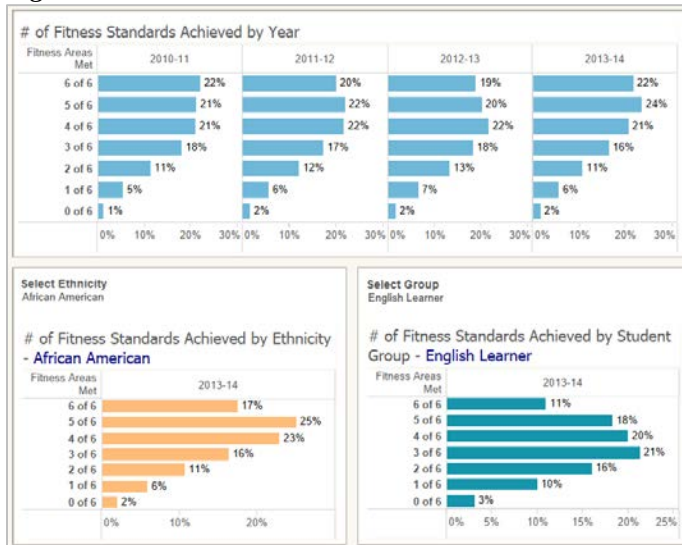


Figure 2: CST Science Dashboard



Figure 3: PFT Dashboard



WCCUSD July Professional Development – Nia Rashidchi

West Contra Costa USD provides abundant professional development opportunities for staff. We think it is important for board members to know about the variety of offerings. This Friday memo contains the July Professional Development Calendar.

7/20/2015 8:30 AM - 7/21/2015 3:00 PM Grades 6-8 Mathematics Institute

Mathematics Content and Pedagogy Institute for Grades 6-8

Focusing on the transition to Common Core

Finalizing 2015-16 Curriculum Guides and benchmark assessments

District Objective: Participants will learn about and/or review mathematics content, pedagogy, and assessment, based on CCSS and SBAC.

Location: Alvarado Adult School Multi-Purpose Room, 5625 Sutter Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804

For additional information, please contact Phil and Drew at akravin@wccusd.net

7/22/2015 8:30 AM - 7/23/2015 3:00 PM Algebra I - Geometry - Algebra II Institute

Mathematics Content and Pedagogy Institute for all Algebra I - Geometry - Algebra II teachers (middle and high school)

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Weed Management Strategy for WCCUSD- Lisa LeBlanc

The Richmond City Council passed a resolution to ban the use of herbicide, particularly, glyphosate (Round Up) in the control of weeds throughout the community for a period of one year beginning February 24, 2015. The City of Richmond and the District have and will continue to support common interests that benefit our students and the community. The District supports minimal herbicide use by implementing mitigation strategies to reduce unintentional plant growth; mechanical trimming, mulch, weed barrier fabrics, native plantings and artificial turf are ways the District manages weed control on new projects. When weed mitigation requires the use of herbicides, areas are posted 24 hours in advance and until 72 hours after applications when students are on spring, summer or winter break.

Public Records Log – Marcus Walton

Included in this week's memo is the log of public records requests received by the district. If you have any questions, please contact me.



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State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson Announces New Leadership Team

SACRAMENTO—State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced today that Glen Price, a public education expert, and Michelle Zumot, a veteran administrator, will serve as his co-chief deputies of the California Department of Education (CDE).

"I am pleased to appoint these two outstanding leaders. They have the skills, experience, talent, and dedication to lead the California Department of Education as it implements huge changes to help all California students," said Torlakson.

Zumot has been the Assistant Chief Deputy, while Price has most recently served as Interim Chief of Staff of CDE.

Torlakson said the two work well together and have different strengths that complement each other. Their duties split naturally, he said. Glen Price will take the lead on policy and program issues, while Michelle Zumot will head the operational side.

Michelle Zumot has worked for CDE for 12 years in a variety of administrative posts. She has been instrumental in supporting a variety of CDE organizational change efforts and also represents the agency on the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and the California State Teachers' Retirement System Board of Directors.

Glen Price, who owns the Glen Price Group, has more than 30 years of experience in education, strategic planning, and policy development. He has worked for a wide range of agencies on issues involving California teachers, after school programs, and early learning. In addition, he served two terms as an elected school board member for the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

"Both Michelle and Glen possess the kind of collaborative, inclusive leadership styles that encourage teamwork, while also inspiring and developing individual

employees," Torlakson said. "They know how to bring out the best in CDE employees so all of us can be as effective as possible in serving students, parents, educators, and residents of California."

The state has made great progress in implementing dramatic changes in education funding and academic standards, but has exciting opportunities ahead as it develops a new accountability system and secures stable resources so schools can achieve greatness, Torlakson said.

"Glen and Michelle are the people to lead CDE and do it in a positive, skilled, and collaborative way. It's the right way, what I call the California Way," said Torlakson. "With the two of them leading and supporting the CDE team, I have one more reason to be optimistic about education in California."

Zumot and Price emerged as the right people for the job after the recruiting firm that assisted CDE with this effort conducted a nationwide search for candidates, Torlakson said. The firm sought input from dozens of education leaders around the state. They will begin their new positions on July 9.

The two replace Rich Zeiger, who retired in March.

Public Records Request Log 2014-2015
Week Ending June 25, 2015

	Date of Receipt	Requestor	Requested Records/Information	Current Status
87	11/18/14	Fatima Alleyne	Washington School Budget / SSC SY 2009 -to- 2013	5/18/15 - Contacted Requestor to review documents Requestor to schedule apt. to review
176	3/23/15	Michael Strub Jr. Irell & Manella LLP	CA Healthy Kids Survey / CA School Climate Survey / CA Student Survey / LCAP / Student Information / Suspensions / Expulsions / Employment Information	Extension Invoked In Progress Gathering / Reviewing Documents
197	5/19/15	Timothy Adams Schoolie	WCCUSD Student Information/Records for the past 5 years	Extension Invoked In Progress Gathering / Reviewing Documents
200	6/8/15	Letitia Sorensen Donahoo & Associates	El Cerrito High School / Stadium Project Records	6/16/2015 Letter sent requesting fees 6/25/2015 Follow-up letter sent
202	6/15/15	Jerry McClain Labor Commissioner State of California	El Cerrito High School / Stadium Project	In Progress Gathering Documents
203	6/15/15	Steve Chamberlin	Wilson Elementary School Project	In Progress Gathering Documents
204	6/16/15	Jessica Scott CC Electrical Compliance	Lake Elementary School / Fire Alarm Modernization Project	In Progress Gathering Documents
205	6/19/15	Sarah Evans Perry, Johnson, Anderson, Miller & Moskowitz LLP	WCCUSD 2005-2006 School Calendar	6/25/15 Sent via email COMPLETED