

Friday Memo
September 22, 2017

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

September 23: Volunteer Fingerprinting for Parents, Lupine Hills, 9:00 – 12:00
September 25: Agenda Setting, Superintendent’s Office, 4:00 PM
September 27: Cheers to the Promise Fundraiser, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
September 27: DLCAP Meeting, Helms, 6:00 PM
September 28: High School Back to School Night
September 28: 2017 Teacher of the Year Awards, Concord Hilton, 6:00 PM
September 30: Volunteer Fingerprinting for Parents, DeJean, 9:00 – 12:00
October 2: Special Education CAC, Cameron, 7:00 PM
October 4: Board of Education, DeJean, 6:30 PM,

Negotiated Salary Settlement Disclosure – Chris Mount-Benites

Enclosed is the Negotiated Salary Settlement Disclosure letter for the tentative agreement with United Teachers of Richmond (UTR) which was approved by the County Office of Education on September 13, 2017 and which went to the Board for approval at the September 20, 2017 meeting. Ratification for the UTR settlement was held on September 15, 2017 and passed by an overwhelming 80%.

Contracted Services FY17 and FY18 – Chris Mount-Benites

Based on discussion and request from the Board at the September 20, 2017 Board meeting, attached is a list of legal contracts from fiscal year 2016-17. Included in the attachment you will see what has been allocated for fiscal year 2017-18 as a comparison. As discussed, allocation amounts have decreased this fiscal year over last.

**Guest Speaker at El Cerrito High School, Monday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. –
Nia Rashidchi**

Richard Rothstein is the author of *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*. The El Cerrito Principals, along with their African American Site Advisory Parent Team Committee members, are hosting the event at El Cerrito High School on Monday evening. The first chapter in the book talks about Richmond, CA and the Bay Area. We would like the board members to attend if they can. Please see Mr. Rothstein’s biography below. We have also included a flyer for the event in this Friday memo.

Biography



Richard Rothstein is a research associate of the Economic Policy Institute and a fellow at the Thurgood Marshall Institute of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and of the Haas Institute at the University of California (Berkeley). He is the author of *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America*. The book recovers a forgotten history of how federal, state, and local policy explicitly segregated metropolitan areas nationwide, creating racially homogenous neighborhoods in patterns that violate the Constitution and require remediation.

Psychological/Mental Health Support Services – Steve Collins

At the September 6, 2017 Board Meeting there was a request concerning what Psychological / Mental Health Services were available within the district. Listed below are the support services currently being provided.

School Psychologists

Each school site has a school psychologist assigned to assist with the mental health needs of the school community. Under LCAP funding, many schools have additional psychology time at their sites to expand mental health services to students. Psychologists may provide counseling to students individually or in groups, support staff in working with students who are experiencing emotional difficulties and/or trauma, assess the psychological needs of students, provide trauma informed care, and assist with referrals to community counseling resources. Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) are available for special education students who need mental health services in order to benefit from their I.E.P.

School District Crisis Team

School psychologists and school counselors, including community mental health partners, are part of the district crisis team. When a crisis occurs, the team will assemble at the school site to provide emotional support to students and staff. Crisis team members are trained to prevent and prepare for psychological trauma. They are available to evaluate psychological trauma risk, provide interventions, and respond to psychological needs. Interventions are designed to reaffirm physical health and perceptions of security. Students, families, and staff are referred to the appropriate school based and community resources for post-vention as needed.

Mental Health Triage

The Triage Team is a collaborative effort between County Mental Health and the Special Education Department to collaborate and coordinate services for students with the most intensive mental health needs and that may be at risk for out of district placement.

Clinics

WCCUSD School Based Counseling Clinics operate at Highland, Pinole Middle, Sheldon, & Tara Hills. Individual and family counseling is available for Medi-Cal eligible students at these sites.

In addition, Wraparound services are available for Medi-Cal eligible students throughout the district either through the school based clinics or community mental health partners. Wraparound is an intensive, individualized care management process for children displaying serious emotional and behavioral needs. The Wraparound process is considered a higher order of (mental health) care, in which a team of individuals who are relevant to the well-being of the child, collaboratively develops a personalized plan of care based on presenting needs. This family-centered and strength-based process consists of building a team with the family, identifying and building upon the family's natural supports, incorporating professionals from schools, mental health agencies, social services, and/or community organizations, in order to address needs across multiple domains.

School Based Health Centers & Community Based Organization Mental Health Providers

School Based Health Centers, coordinated by our Community Based Organization partners, include built facilities and services at Coronado, DeAnza, El Cerrito, Greenwood, Hercules High, Kennedy, Pinole Valley High, and Richmond High. The school based clinics offer an array of services including mental health, dental, physicals, and confidential services. While there is no constructed clinic at Helms, DeJean, and Crespi--all sites also offer a wide array of mental health services and physical health/confidential services are provided by the Contra Costa Health Services mobile clinic. Peres Elementary has a stand-alone dental clinic.

District Community Based Organization (CBO) providers provide mental health services to students during the school day on WCCUSD campuses. The majority of these services are provided to Medi-cal eligible students and funded through Medi-cal contracts with Contra Costa Health Services. Medi-cal providers include: Bay Area Community Resources, Community Health for Asian Americans, Familias Unidas, Seneca Family of Agencies, West Contra Costa Youth Service Bureau, and YMCA of the East Bay. Our core CBO mental health providers also provide trainees and interns on campuses to provide additional mental health access for all students. A number of CBO providers (beyond those listed above) have received external grant funding to provided extended mental health services at WCCUSD sites, including case management, wraparound services, and services to non Medi-cal students.

The District contributes partial funding for two licensed clinicians at DeJean Middle School and Helms Middle School through Contra Costa Health Services.

School sites also have the option to purchase additional Mental Health Services through our CBO providers to meet non Medi-cal needs at school sites and/or to expand Mental Health Services on their campus.

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.



Contra Costa County Office of Education

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Karen Sakata, Superintendent of Schools

September 13, 2017

Matthew Duffy, Superintendent
West Contra Costa Unified School District
1108 Bissell Avenue
Richmond, CA 94801

Dear Superintendent Duffy:

Our office has reviewed your District's 2017-18 Negotiated Salary Settlement Disclosure documents that provide the details for the tentative agreement with the United Teachers of Richmond (UTR) bargaining unit of the West Contra Costa School District.

We agree with the District's certification that it will be able to provide the necessary funding for the removal of the first step and first column of the salary schedule, the two steps moves for the current school year and two additional hours of professional development for all bargaining unit members, the \$1,500 off-schedule payment for Nurses, Psychologists and members at the top of the new step 27. The Nurses will be transferred to the Psychologists' salary schedule and the Nurses' schedule will be deleted. Based on our analysis of the disclosure documents, it appears this agreement will result in an increase in costs of \$2,612,238 to the District.

The district will utilize general funds to cover the increase in costs for this agreement. We agree with the District's assessment on affordability based on its 3-year multi-year projection. We appreciate that the District acknowledges the need to make appropriate cuts to reduce deficit spending in out years if deficit spending continues.

We wish to thank your staff for the concise and complete disclosure packet that was submitted for our review. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 925-942-3418.

Sincerely,

Bill Clark
Associate Superintendent
Business Services

BC:bf

cc: Christopher Mount-Benites, Associate Superintendent, WCCUSD
Christopher Raymundo, District Advisor, District Business Services, CCCOE

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BUSINESS SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FY17 Contract Totals FY18 Requested

Maintained by Business Services

Description	Approver	FY 17 Amount	Liquidated FY 17	FY 17 Balance	FY 18 Requested Amount
LEGAL ATTYS					
ATKINSON, ANDELSON, LOYA, RUDD & ROMO	Whittemore	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 57,255.27	\$ 167,744.73	\$ 200,000.00
BARG, COFFIN, LEWIS & TRAPP SEC	Duffy	\$ 2,583.00	\$ 2,583.00	\$ -	\$ -
DANNIS WOLIVER KELLEY General		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,252.00	\$ 14,748.00	\$ -
EDRINGTON, SCHIRMER & MURPHY	Gamba	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,354.50	\$ 1,645.50	\$ 5,000.00
ELLIS BUEHLER MAKUS	Haney	\$ 13,500.00	\$ -	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 12,000.00
F1 DISCOVERY SEC	Gamba	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
FAGAN FRIEDMAN & FULFROST				\$ -	
General	Whittemore	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 20,833.68	\$ 59,166.32	\$ 50,000.00
Special Ed	Collins	\$ 340,000.00	\$ 319,005.60	\$ 20,994.40	\$ 300,000.00
LOZANO SMITH				\$ -	
General - Charter	Greer	\$ 805,720.00	\$ 720,497.74	\$ 85,222.26	\$ 350,000.00
Special Ed	Collins	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
ORBACH, HUFF & SUAREZ				\$ -	
General	Gamba	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 217,891.32	\$ 52,108.68	\$ 200,000.00
RAMSEY EHRlich, LLP SEC	Duffy	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,035.00	\$ 7,965.00	\$ -
SWANSON & MCNAMARA SEC	Duffy	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -

ATTYS (Specific Matters)

PULLEY & COHEN (132a claims only)	Whittemore	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
STRADLING YOCCA CARLSON & RAUTH (AV)	Duffy	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00	\$ -

IMMIGRATION ATTYS

INDU LILADHAR-HATHI (Immigration)	Whittemore	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 5,000.00
MCCOWN & EVANS (Immigration)	Whittemore	\$ 26,370.00	\$ 26,370.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00

BOND COUNSEL

FERBER, ADAM S Bond-Fac Sub Mtgs	Gamba/Bonnett	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 11,949.00	\$ 135,051.00	\$ 10,000.00
KAWAHARA LAW	LeBlanc	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 70,913.00	\$ 29,087.00	\$ -
NIXON PEABODY				\$ -	
Bond	LeBlanc	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
ORBACH, HUFF & SUAREZ					
Bond	LaBlanc	\$ 340,000.00	\$ 338,489.10	\$ 1,510.90	\$ 260,000.00
Capital Facilities	LaBlanc	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Reserve Capital Facilities	LeBlanc	\$ 26,686.00	\$ 26,686.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00

TOTAL \$ 2,519,859.00 \$ 1,824,440.21 \$ 695,418.79 \$ 1,477,000.00

WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND THE EL CERRITO FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

presents

Richard Rothstein

*author of *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of
How Our Government Segregated America**

Monday, September 25th

7pm

**El Cerrito High School
Auditorium**

(540 Ashbury Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94530)

Join us for a great discussion with Richard Rothstein, author and Research Associate at the Economic Policy Institute, about Rothstein's book, *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*.

Rothstein will offer insights into how residential segregation in America—the incessant kind that continues to dog our major cities and has contributed to so much ongoing social strife—is the intended result of racially explicit government policies at the local, state, and federal levels.

Public Records Request Log 2017 - 2018
Week Ending September 21, 2017

	Date of Receipt	Requestor	Requested Records/Information	Current Status
3	7/18/17	Kyra Kocis Transparent California	WCCUSD 2016 Employee Compensation Report	Reviewing Data for Report
6	8/8/17	Kyra Worthy For Richmond	Approved Contracts with Invoices and Individuals Served for 2016-2017 School Year	Gathering Documents 9/22/17 Documents ready for review
8	8/17/17	Kyra Worthy For Richmond	Electronic Communications / Various – Beginning January 1, 2015 – November 1, 2017	Marcus to check with Legal counsel
15	9/12/17	Lindsay Volle Herrig & Vogt Attorneys	Pinole Valley High School / New Campus Project	Gathering Documents 10/6/17 Documents ready for review
17	9/19/17	Jeanette Jackson Total Package Professional Serv.	WCCUSD Solar Project Construction Projects at Crespi, Stewart, Hanna Ranch and Montalvin	9/19/17 Acknowledgement email sent
Public Records Request Log / Ongoing 2016 - 2017				
29	9/14/16	Matt Cagle American Civil Liberties Union	Surveillance Technology and Digital Searches beginning January 1, 2013 – Present	12/2/16 Documents sent via email 3/31/17 Documents sent via email 5/5/17 Documents sent via email 7/13/17 Documents sent via email Gathering/Reviewing additional Docs