

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
August 31, 2018

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

September 3: Labor Day Holiday, Schools and Offices Closed
September 5: Agenda Setting, Superintendent's Office, 4:00 PM
September 5: Board of Education Meeting, DeJean, 6:30 PM
September 6: Back to School Night, Elementary Schools
September 10: Special Education CAC, Cameron School, 7:00 PM
September 11: School Board Candidate Forum, Pinole MS, 6:00 PM
September 12: Youth Commission Kick-Off, Helms Community Center, 3:30-7:30
September 12: Board of Education Special Closed Session Meeting, FOC, 4:00 PM
September 12: Board of Education / Joint CBOC Meeting, FOC, 6:00 PM
September 13: Back to School Night, Middle Schools
September 16: El Sobrante Stroll and Festival, 11:00 – 4:00
September 18: School Board Candidate Forum, Helms MS, 6:00 PM
September 19: Agenda Setting, Superintendents' Office, 5:00 PM
September 27: Back to School Night, High Schools
September 27: Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Gala Dinner, Hilton Concord, 6:00 PM

California Labor Management Northern California Conference – Ken Whittemore

The California Labor Management Conference Northern California Network will be holding a two-day conference in Vallejo on September 27-28, 2018.

Our District is on the agenda to present on our Labor Management relations and work with the Solutions Team on September 27. The Solutions Team will offer a 45-minute panel discussion with our Labor Unions, Board Members, and Superintendent conversing with the group.

It is a nice honor for the District to be recognized for its work in this area. For more information, please contact me.

Educational Services - Dr. Gracie Guerrero, Associate Superintendent-CAO

Dual Enrollment

During the September 5th Board meeting, staff will ask the Board to do a “first read” on the re-authorization agreement for the upcoming 2018-19 academic year to maintain and add new Dual Enrollment courses with Contra Costa College. This agreement is called the Contra Costa Community College District College and Career Access Pathways Agreement (CCAP). The office of the Chancellor of California Community Colleges along with the California Department of Education mandates the District to have this document on the agenda for two board meetings. For the September 5th meeting, it will be on the agenda as a discussion item. For the subsequent meeting, it will be on the agenda as an action item.

Rising Scholars

Rising Scholars is a subsidiary of the Young Scholars Program (YSP) and is a continuing district program up for renewal. It is YSP's in-school based initiative to increase the number of Young Men of Color who matriculate to and graduate from college. It targets college preparation and

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application support, life skills training, mentoring, and leadership development. Program participation has resulted in high attendance rate, 100% graduation rate, and high rate of college applications and admissions. The program began in Feb of 2014 and will begin its fifth year in the Fall of 2018.

Partnership with UC Regents

DESTINATION COLLEGE ADVISING CORPS (DCAC): A continuing program up for renewal through which UC Berkeley works collaboratively with target schools and partner programs focused on research-based best practices that enable low-income and first generation to college students to access post-secondary education.

PRE-COLLEGE TRIO (AAMP & WISE): A continuing program up for renewal involving the UC Berkeley African American Male Pipeline (AAMP) project and the Women in STEM Education (WISE) under the Pre-College Trio Programs that aim to increase the college-going rate and preparation for careers in STEM for African American male students and women of color by providing comprehensive college awareness and advising, mentorship, mental and emotional empowerment, academic preparation, and workforce development.

PRE-COLLEGE ACADEMY (PCA): A continuing program up for renewal; a six-week college-preparatory summer program hosted by the Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) at the University of California, Berkeley whose goal is to prepare students for their academic and professional future through rigorous coursework that meets the standards of the University of California and California State University A-G subject requirements.

El Sobrante Stroll - Marcus Walton

If you plan to participate in the El Sobrante Stroll, please let Marcus Walton know by Friday, September 7, at mwalton@wccusd.net. Please indicate whether you will attend and if you would like to ride in a car or if you plan on walking. We need to inform the organizers so they can have enough cars available.

SRO Contracts - Marcus Walton

A contract for school resource officers (SROs) with the City of Richmond will come before the Board at the September 26 meeting. The police chiefs in Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo and El Cerrito have indicated significant concerns about the Scope of Work. The Superintendent and District staff will be meeting with the police chiefs of those cities to discuss the contracts in person. As we complete the contract discussions, they will be brought to the Board for approval.

If you have any questions, contact Marcus Walton.

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.

Media Stories of Interest - Marcus Walton

The following media stories may be of interest:

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1. Univision 14 coverage of the Internationals Academy at Richmond High School: [https://www.univision.com/san-francisco/kdtv/noticias/educacion/condado-contra-costa-
implementa-programa-bilingue-para-que-inmigrantes-lleguen-a-la-universidad-video](https://www.univision.com/san-francisco/kdtv/noticias/educacion/condado-contra-costa-implementa-programa-bilingue-para-que-inmigrantes-lleguen-a-la-universidad-video) (in Spanish)
2. Richmond Standard coverage of the Internationals academy at Richmond High School: [https://richmondstandard.com/richmond/2018/08/29/richmond-high-set-to-open-
pathway-program-for-recent-immigrant-students/](https://richmondstandard.com/richmond/2018/08/29/richmond-high-set-to-open-pathway-program-for-recent-immigrant-students/) (a PDF copy of this story is attached)
3. KTVU story on accusation against Summit K2 teacher: [http://www.ktvu.com/news/bay-area-
teacher-placed-on-administrative-leave-allegedly-called-black-student-n-word-](http://www.ktvu.com/news/bay-area-teacher-placed-on-administrative-leave-allegedly-called-black-student-n-word-)
4. SF Chronicle story on accusation against Summit K2 teacher: [https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/East-Bay-school-investigates-allegations-that-
13192393.php](https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/East-Bay-school-investigates-allegations-that-13192393.php) (a PDF copy of this story is attached)

Public Records Request Log 2018 - 2019
Week Ending August 17, 2018

	Date of Receipt	Requestor	Requested Records/Information	Current Status
56	3/22/18	Scott Rafferty	Communications regarding CVRA allegations	3/26/18 Email sent with DOCs & Links 3/27/18 Email sent with DOCs & Links Gathering/Reviewing Documents
62	4/17/18	Scott E. Jenny Jenny & Jenny LLP, Attorneys	Pinole HS Project- Tree removal, trenching and hill excavation project between Subject Properties, 2059 Shea Drive and 2069 Shea Drive, Pinole CA	5/31/18 Email sent extending date COMPLETED
65	4/27/18	J. Paul Fanning Lankford, Crawford, Moreno & Ostertag LLP	Richmond High School / Asbestos Records	6/8/18 Email sent requesting clarification in order to narrow search, per our Facilities Department 6/11/18 Updated/Revised PRR received by Requester Gathering Documents
67	5/9/18	David Stephan	Roster of all WCCUSD High School Faculty	5/15/18 Acknowledgement email sent
1819-03	8/5/2018	Yolanda J Rodriguez - Graybar Bill Pay	A copy of the payment/performance bond CAC713536, for the following project in which Graybar is a material supplier: Juan Crespi Middle School Lighting Retrofit	8/10/2018 – Acknowledgement Letter Sent COMPLETED
1819-04	8/1/2018	Scott Rafferty	Communications, social media regarding trustee elections	8/6/2018 - Acknowledgement letter sent
1819-06	8/6/2018	Partida - Berkes Crane Robinson & Seal	Documents regarding the presence of asbestos at De Anza HS	8/10/2018 - Acknowledgement letter sent
1819-07	8/15/2018	Ann Swinburn – CTA	Notices of Violation and/or Notices of Concern for Amethod Public Schools, Benito Juarez, John Henry High School, or Richmond Charter Academy	8/24/2018 – Acknowledgement letter sent Documents ready by Sept. 14, 2018
1819-08	8/30/2018	Nicole Bates – LSC	Referral, Suspension, Expulsion, Transfer, Arrest data	8/30/2018 – Acknowledgement email sent

Richmond High to open pathway program for immigrant students

August 29, 2018



Richmond High at 1250 23rd St.

Richmond High School is set to unveil the opening of its “Internationals Academy” on Thursday, which is described as “an academic pathway to college and English fluency for newcomer students.”

The program, a partnership between the West Contra Costa Unified School District and the [Internationals Network](#), aims to “provide students new to the country the opportunity to adapt to a new culture, learn English and take classes that prepare them for college and beyond,” the district said.

It will be the only program of its kind in Contra Costa County and just the third west of the Mississippi River, and is designed to serve “recently arrived immigrant and refugee English Learners,” the district said.

“The program is intended to ensure the newcomers reach high levels of academic achievement and complete the requirements to attend college when they graduate from high school,” according to the district.

An event will be held Thursday at the school that will include district officials and Algebra teacher Erick Gutierrez, a Kennedy High grad and former newcomer student.

Gutierrez plans to “talk about the program and what it means for him to teach students in the same situation he was in,” the district said, adding that two recently immigrated students will also attend to share their thoughts about the program and their experiences.

Mike Aldax

SFGATE <https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/East-Bay-school-investigates-allegations-that-13192393.php>

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East Bay school investigates allegations that teacher used a racial slur

By **Ashley McBride** Updated 8:09 pm PDT, Wednesday, August 29, 2018

An East Bay teacher has been placed on administrative leave and students have staged a walkout to protest the teacher’s alleged use of a racial slur.

The Summit K2 charter school in El Cerrito launched an investigation into the allegations last week and placed the teacher on paid administrative leave until the investigation is over, which is the school’s policy, according to a statement released by Shilpa Duvoor, the executive director of the school.


Duvoor condemned “inappropriate, insensitive or hateful language of any kind” in the statement.

Posts on social media showed a few dozen students standing outside the El Cerrito school on Tuesday during a walkout to protest the teacher’s alleged use of the racial slur. The school serves middle and high school students.

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Read Duvoor’s complete statement below:

K2 has a zero-tolerance policy on inappropriate, insensitive or hateful language of any kind. The school immediately launched an investigation once it became aware of claims made by students about inappropriate language used by a teacher. The teacher in question has been put on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

Our top priority remains the physical, social and emotional well-being of all of our students. Students have to feel safe in orde X



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We are confident that with open and respectful communication, we will come out stronger as a school community.

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