

Friday Memo **May 28, 2021**

Upcoming Events – Dr. Kenneth C. Hurst Sr.

April 9 - June 1: 55th Annual WCCUSD Student Art Show - Online Gallery Richmond Art Center

May 31: Memorial Day Holiday, District Closed

June 1: Agenda Setting, 4:00 PM

June 1: Board Retreat, 6:30 PM

June 1: DLCAPS Meeting, 6:30 PM

June 2: Special Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

June 2: Hercules High School Graduation, 11:00 AM

June 2: Redistricting Commission Meeting, 5:00 PM

June 2: Special Board Meeting, 6:30 PM

June 3: Employee Recognition Celebration, 4:00 PM

June 4: Last Day for Spring In-person Instruction

June 4: Pinole Valley High School Graduation, 1:00 PM- Drive-thru and 5:00 PM

June 5: DeAnza High School Graduation, 10:00 AM

June 5: Greenwood Academy Graduation, 10:00 AM

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment - Rubén Aurelio (Gabriel Chilcott & team)

Math Department - Mark Lobaco and team

The math department has created this [one pager](#) of guidance for priorities as we plan schedules and professional development for the upcoming year.

Contracts Update – Tony Wold (Mary Kitchen)

The Elementary Literacy Department is bringing forward 1 contract

- Reading and Writing Project Network:
Reading and Writing Project Network, LLC will partner with WCCUSD and provide:
A Calendar of Conference Days: 12 days of conference days for each K-5 grade level.

Leadership and Teacher Lead Days: A senior leader from the Reading and Writing Project (RWP) will work with K-5 principals for 2 full days to help support a closer alignment between school leadership and curriculum. RWP will work to plan a site-based K-5 2 day coaching; Which will give coaches an opportunity to practice replicable moves that they can use continually in all of their staff development, and it will help them to form a more field-based support group with each other. Each leader of this is able to work with approximately 25 coaches.

Homegrown Institute-Virtual: a 4 day-long event for the teachers and leaders of WCCUSD. This event will provide teachers with an opportunity to become vastly more knowledgeable as teachers of either reading or writing workshops. Sections are in grade cohorts of LK-2, 3-5, and 6.

School-Based PD: RWP will provide 10 days of professional development, 5 designed for K-2 and/or 5 for 3-5 in each of 3 schools.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

- The Expanded Learning Office is bringing forward one item and one increase:

The Expanded Learning Office oversees the District's 30 school-based expanded learning (historically referred to as "after school") programs. These state and federally funded Tier 1 programs are administered by the California Department of Education through the Expanded Learning Division and must begin on the first day of school and operate every day that school is in session, from the end of the core instructional day until 6:00pm. These continuing service contracts are for the expanded learning lead agency partners who are charged with the day-to-day operations. While the number of students served varies by individual site's grant awards, the core components of the program remain the same: academic literacy and structured homework support; enrichment activities focused on skill development; nutrition; and physical activity.

The quality of these programs is overseen the District's Expanded Learning Office and ensured through the continuous quality improvement process (CQI) which relies on a evidenced based assessment tool, the School Age Program Quality Assessment (for grades K-6th) and the Youth Program Quality Assessment (for grades 7th-12th). The Expanded Learning Office works with an external evaluator to assess the experiences of student participants along with family satisfaction with the program.

What we are bringing forward at this time are the expanded learning contracts which share the same AMOs. The prices reflected are for 86% of the total grant awards which will go to direct services for WCCUSD students.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

- Love Learn Success

Love.Learn.Success will provide a Tier 1 virtual summer enrichment program for 60 students at Grant ES from June 14-June 30, 2021 between the hours of 12:30-2:30pm. The program will serve students, grades 1st-5th, with priority enrollment for students who fall under the following categories: Identified Academic Needs, ELL, Newcomer, Identified Social Emotional Needs. Program offerings will include hip hop dance, visual arts, nutrition, sports, and drama. 60 students will be served. (1) 100% of students will participate in at least 30 minutes of light to moderate physical activity daily as measured by student attendance records in Hip Hop and Sports classes as inputted into Cityspan database; (2) 90% of students will state that they learned something new this summer on end of summer assessment.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

The Curriculum & Assessment Department is bringing forward 1 Contract:

- Newsela

Newsela is providing digital social studies content for all elementary students. Current events content is accessible in English and Spanish, in 5 different reading levels. The

custom social studies package includes a full year of CA standards-based materials for grades 4-5. All teachers and students in grades K-6 will be able to access social studies materials to supplement current district adopted texts. Content includes primary sources, U.S. founding documents, biographies, and more.

WCCUSD students and teachers in grades K-6 will be able to access via the Clever Portal. Materials are available for the following sites: Bayview, Chavez, Collins, Coronado, Dover, Downer, Ellerhorst, Fairmont, Ford, Grant, Hanna Ranch, Harding, Highland, Kensington, King, Lake, Lincoln, Lupine Hills, Madera, Michelle Obama, Mira Vista, Montalvin, Murphy, Nystrom, Ohlone, Olinda, Peres, Riverside, Shannon, Sheldon, Stege, Stewart, Tara Hills, Valley View, Verde, Washington, and WC Mandarin. Social studies focus will be for grades 4-5.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

The Business Services Office is bringing forward 1 contract

- Lozano Smith

Increase purchase order for Lozano Smith & Associates for providing legal services as required by the district relating to, but not limited to all resource matters. The District budget was built upon this amount, but the District does not bring forward the full authorization immediately to ensure proper monitoring of budgetary expenses. This purchase order increase is within the operational budget. This increase is for the final quarter of the school year.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

The Community Engagement Department is bringing forward one item

- Partners that are providing support for our expanded Summer School Programs that will be available at almost all of our School sites. Some sites will be offering credit recovery while others will offer intervention, lost learning, and mental health services.

We are on a very tight timeline with spring instruction still underway and Summer School starting right after it ends. We are still finalizing and gathering information from principals, we are getting the contracts completed but wanted to bring this information to you before summer school starts.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

Communications - Bobby Jordan

The Redistricting Commission is hosting its first meeting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2 via Zoom at <https://wccusd.zoom.us/j/95383440176> or by phone 1-669-900-6833, ID 953 8344 0176.

The West Contra Costa Unified School District [Redistricting Commission](#) is an independent body tasked with creating trustee areas for the 2022 elections for the Board of Education. The commission, authorized by California Elections Code sections 23000 - 23003, consists of seven

members representing each of the five trustee areas and two members who are residents of Contra Costa County but live outside of the district boundaries. Commission members were selected by senior inactive US District Judge, Thelton Henderson.

The Commissioners selected by Judge Hendersons are:

- Area 1 - Omar Butler
- Area 2 - Ritchie Cooke
- Area 3 - Genoveva Calloway
- Area 4 - James Toalu
- Area 5 - Derik Hilliard
- Non District but CCC Residents: Vicki Gordon,
- Non District but CCC Residents: Craig Lazzeretti

More details on the creation of the Commission and move to Trustee Areas can be found on the Redistricting Commission website www.wccusd.net/redistrictingcommission.