

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
June 10, 2022

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

June 10: Pinole Valley High School Graduation, 6:00pm at Hercules Middle & High School
June 11: Sylvester Greenwood Academy Graduation, 10:00am at Sylvester Greenwood Academy
June 11: Richmond High School Graduation, 3:00pm at Richmond High School
June 13: CBOC Meeting at 6:00pm at FOC Building- 1400 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804
June 14: Strategic Planning Virtual Session, 5:30-7:30pm, Via Zoom

Next Board of Education Meeting June 15, 2022– Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D

Closed session will begin at 4:00pm

Contract Update for the 6/15/22 Board Meeting – Robert McEntire-Mary Kitchen & Team

Arej Jones Educational Solutions - College & Career

80 Computers, 80 monitors, service for each (imaging, asset tagging etc.) This purchase supports the refresh of CTE computer labs utilized by students in Information Technology Pathways at DAHS and ECHS. The District will piggyback on the DELL WSCA CA NASPO contract (07AHC) per public contract code (PCC 20118) for this purchase.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts - Expanded Learning - Ford, Nystrom, Obama

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts will provide performing arts enrichment classes this Summer at Ford, Nystrom, and Obama Elementary. EBCPA will provide a variety of music and performing arts classes from June 21st thru July 21st, 2022 for up to 180 students. This amount reflects the first two weeks of summer school through June 30, 2022.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

Heinemann - Curriculum & Instruction

Purchase of updated Science of Reading aligned TK-2nd grade tools for elementary schools. Per public contract code 20118.3 curriculum products do not need to go out for bid.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

Lakeshore - Preschool

Purchase of materials and supplies for all Preschool sites. Preschool teachers will rate their rooms as meeting the needs of their learners, per google room environment survey. Please refer to Public Contract Code 20118.3

[Link to Additional Information](#)

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Love.Learn.Success - Expanded Learning - Ford, Peres, WC Mandarin

Love.Learn.Success. will provide Summer enrichment programming at three sites: Ford, Peres, and West County Mandarin. Love.Learn.Success. will serve up to 500 students across three sites from June 21st thru July 21st, 2022. This amount reflects the first two weeks of summer school through June 30, 2022.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

ParentSquare - Communications Department

ParentSquare will be the new district-wide communications tool and will provide a 2-way communication in the student's home language between teachers & parents and parents & the school. Parents can text the teachers in their home language and ParentSquare will automatically translate for the teacher and vice versa. Services and pricing for the next two years are as follows:

-Quote exemplifies Step Up Pricing, with reduced to \$3.00/student for Year 1, for all tools except Secure Docs and Community Groups. (If the district would like to include those two tools, they may attain reduced pricing of \$3.50/student for Year 1.) The district would then "step up" to \$4.00/student for Year 2. Additional details of services are on the quote attached and as stated on Exhibit A of this contract.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

Paxton Patterson, LLC - College & Career - Helms, Hercules Middle, Kennedy High

Furniture Purchase for College and Career For the Health and Science careers and Ready Lab.

These include:

College and Career Ready Lab (Helms Middle)

College and Career Health and Science (Kennedy High)

College and Career Ready Lab (Hercules Middle)

Expendables x 3

Learning Management System x 3

Furniture x 3

Setup & Assembly x 3

Teacher Professional Development x 2

Procurement complies with public contract code 20118.3

(Additional cost information in procurement form attached)

[Link to Additional Information](#)

School Employers Association of California (SEAC) - Human Resources

School Employers Association of California (SEAC) provides employers services through the School Employers Association of California, an independent Joint Powers Agency ("JPA"), in order to maintain programs, policies, and procedures necessary to understand and be guided by the provisions of the Educational Employment Relations Act, California Government Code Sections 3540, et seq.

Consultant/Trainer - Dr. Stephan McCray

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WCC Public Ed Fund: Calculus Roundtable, WC Chess Alliance, Freedom Schools - Expanded Learning

Summer Expanded Learning Programs:

Calculus Roundtable, West Coast Chess Alliance, and Freedom Schools will provide Summer enrichment programming from June 21st thru July 22nd, 2022. Calculus Roundtable will provide STEM enrichment at Ford and Sheldon Elementary for up to 120 students. West Coast Chess Alliance will provide chess courses for up to 120 students at Peres, Downer, and Riverside. Freedom Schools will provide Summer enrichment and academic programming at King Elementary for up to 60 students. This amount reflects the first two weeks of summer school through June 30, 2022.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

WCC Public EdFund/Nexplore - Expanded Learning - Downer, Riverside

Nexplore will provide Summer programming at Downer and Riverside Elementary. Nexplore will provide a Summer experience with hands-on STEM activities including Makers Club, Strawbees, Nature Watch, Science Wiz, Magic and Art. Nexplore will serve 150 students at each site from June 21st thru July 22nd, 2022. This amount reflects the first two weeks of summer school through June 30, 2022.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

WCC Public EdFund/Nicolas Jones - Pinole Valley High

Under Fiscal Sponsor Ed Fund Nicolas Jones will provide a 30-day emergency substitute teaching coverage for Pinole Valley High School. Pinole has classroom vacancies that they were unable to fill through the district's substitute pool. Nick has stepped in to cover classes while he completes his paperwork for WCCUSD to begin substitute teaching through the district. Nick will provide whole group, small group, and individual instruction through the role of a substitute teacher covering an array of subjects and classes. Services will cover full days, 5-6 classes a day, 4-5 days a week for the month of March.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

YMCA of the East Bay - Expanded Learning

YMCA of the East Bay will provide Summer programming at Sheldon Elementary. YMCA of the East Bay will provide Summer enrichment programming for up to 200 students from June 21st thru July 22nd, 2022. This amount reflects the first two weeks of summer school through June 30, 2022.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

Multiple Annual Vendors and Services Providers - Business Services

During the 2021/22 School year the district performed a comprehensive evaluation of all contracts. Contracts for services interacting directly with Schools and Students where AMOs can be provided are brought to the board as individual contracts to allow for review of these measures. There are also a large number of continuing service contracts that are necessary to the functioning of the school district. In the review of all contracts during our budget reduction process, we moved these types of "fixed" cost contracts that are standard to the District Operations Budget. After we were able to reduce and eliminate several multiple non-essential contracts at that time the remainder were sustained to ensure essential

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services. What we are bringing forward at this time are the contracts that do not have AMOs (such as Republic Services because the AMO would be if they took the trash, etc). As these are annual renewals we are just providing the summary since some of the annual contracts have already been approved by the board. For the most part, the prices reflected are those for the 2021/2022 School year that will need to be adjusted to reflect the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the coming year. As we do every year, we are asking for approval of these contracts so that there is no lapse in services from one year to the next in order to continue with the normal operations of the School District. In the next two board meetings, we may bring additional annual contracts for services forward as part of the normal business actions done each May and June.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

NPAs and NPSs Continuing Contracts - Special Education

Provides staff in hard to fill positions and highly specialized CDE certified programs to fulfill IEP services to ensure that students with disabilities have appropriate and legally services on the first day of instruction

[Link to Additional Information](#)

Communications Update - Ryan Phillips

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[How an East Bay school turns into a community school under California's model | EdSource](#)

For a Helms Middle School boy and his father, moving from a homeless shelter to their own apartment in the East Bay City of San Pablo turned the boy's life around. It's a transformation that wouldn't have happened without the school's community school staff who saw a problem and came up with a way to fix it.

In this case, staff was able to tap into fundraising money to help this family come up with rent money. And while it's not something they face every day, solving a student's problem through local partnerships is what being a community school is all about.

[Richmond Promise 5K run to raise funds for scholarships Saturday, June 11](#) | Contra Costa Herald

In a tweet on the West Contra Costa Unified School District Twitter feed it reads, "Haven't heard? @RichmondPromise is throwing a #5k! Join on June 11th for a little family friendly competition and a whole lot of fun. Snag your ticket today at tinyurl.com/RPFunRun. Can't wait to see you there!

@cranewaypavilion @assemblemarketplace"

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Wednesday, June 8, 2022

['Had them kids losing it': Drag queen flouts performance at California middle school | WCTI](#)

RICHMOND, CALIF (TND) — A San Francisco area drag queen named Nicole Jizzington, or “Nikki Jizz” for short, allegedly performed for a group of middle schoolers Tuesday.

“I performed at this middle school and had them kids losing it,” the drag performer [allegedly posted in a tweet](#) containing a video of the performance which occurred at Aspire Richmond California College Preparatory Academy in Richmond, California.

Thursday, June 2, 2022

[West Contra Costa Unified on KQED-FM \(Radio\) - San Francisco, CA](#)

County earlier we were joined by Sarah Abraham, a kindergarten teacher, who teaches in the West Contra Costa Unified School District in northern California in Richmond, California, and you listeners are invited to join the conversation. If you're a teacher and want to talk about your experience in the wake of Uvalde...

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

[In brief: El Cerrito seventh-grader wins writing contest for a second year - East Bay Times](#)

Jack London State Historic Park has announced the winners of its 2022 Young Writers Contest. The program, now in its seventh year, encourages students in grades six through eight to exercise their writing skills by creating an original 2,000-word story inspired by the works of Jack London.

- first prize (\$250): “Seda de Araña” by Natali Cox, a seventh-grader from Fred T. Korematsu Middle School in El Cerrito. Natali also won first prize in the 2021 contest.