

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
May 20, 2022

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

May 21: Middle College Graduation, 10:00am-12:00pm, Contra Costa College

May 23: Strategic Planning Meeting 5:30-7:30pm, Sylvester Greenwood Academy

May 24: Strategic Planning Meeting 5:30-7:30pm, Hercules Middle School

May 25: Strategic Planning Meeting 5:30-7:30pm, Helms Middle School

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

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Secondary- LaResha Martin (Gabriel Chilcott & team)

Update: Instructional Materials adoptions

New secondary Spanish and Science materials approved by the School Board on April 13th have begun arriving at our district warehouse. The board's prompt approval ensures that students will have new materials for the 2022-23 school year. Biology, Chemistry and Physics classes are able to use the digital content now. Spanish programs will be available July 1st.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Early Learning/Elementary- LaResha Martin (Christi Roscigno & team)

NEW K-2 READING SUPPLEMENT FOR THE UNITS OF STUDY

[This link details](#) the science of reading aligned tools that we are purchasing the TK-2 revised units for our sites, and these will be emphasized in the summer [reading homegrown Professional Development](#).

Professional Learning - LaResha Martin (Sarah Breed)

Professional Learning opportunities will be provided to Classified and Certificated staff this summer to support the focal areas of WCCUSD's Instructional Focus Plan and the WCCUSD Plan for Educator Effectiveness. All sessions will be virtual.

This summer's sessions focus on:

- Strategies to implement social-emotional learning and trauma-informed practices
- Practices and strategies that reengage pupils and lead to accelerated learning
- Practices to create a positive school climate
- Programs that lead to effective, standards-aligned, data-driven instruction
- Instruction and education to support implementing effective language acquisition programs for English learners

Certificated teachers and specified classified staff are encouraged to attend and will be paid for attendance. Registration information is linked here:

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[Application to Attend. PK-6 Educator Effectiveness PD.](#) July 21-22 OR August 4-5, 2022

[Application to Attend. Grade 7-12 Educator Effectiveness PD.](#) August 4-5, 2022

[Application to Attend. Classified Staff.](#) August 4-5, 2022

The content of the sessions has been designed in partnership with the WCCUSD Educator Effectiveness committee and will be facilitated by WCCUSD staff and professional development providers. In addition to Summer Professional Learning, a series of PD sessions will be provided to certificated and classified staff throughout the year.

Upcoming Community Meeting for Reimagining Kennedy HS (KHS): Luis Freese

Reimagining Kennedy HS Community Meeting #3 on June 2nd @ 5pm

The process for rebuilding KHS begins with reimagining the school.

We would like to encourage all interested community members including parents, students, educators, and staff of Kennedy High, and the school communities of Coronado, Grant, King, Lincoln, Michelle Obama, Nystrom, Stege, Washington, and DeJean.

Please join us on **Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the KHS Library**

OR via zoom click on the link <https://wccusd.zoom.us/j/93079336124> or call 1-669-900-6833, Webinar ID: 930 7933 6124

Reimagining Kennedy HS Website Page:

Additional information is available on the project page. <https://www.wccusd.net/Page/16136>

Upcoming Community Meeting for Reimagining Richmond HS (RHS): Luis Freese

Reimagining Richmond HS Community Meeting #3 on May 31st @ 5:15 pm

The process for rebuilding Richmond HS begins with reimagining the school.

We would like to encourage all interested community members including parents, students, educators, and staff of Richmond High, and the school communities of Chavez, Dover, Downer, Ford, Lake, Riverside, Peres, Verde, and Helms.

Please join us on **Tuesday, May 31st, from 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm at the RHS Mall or join via zoom** click

on the link <https://wccusd.zoom.us/j/93079336124> or call 1-669-900-6833, Webinar ID: 930 7933 6124

Reimagining Richmond HS Website Page:

Additional information is available on the project page. <https://www.wccusd.net/Page/16144>

Communications Update - Ryan Phillips

Thursday, May 20, 2022

LGBT Books Donated to Bay Area School Libraries Amid Criticism - The Epoch Times

On May 17, the nonprofit Gender Nation celebrated the donation program at the West Contra Costa Unified School District with supporters and ...

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Thursday, May 19, 2022

[This elite Bay Area private high school is going remote as COVID infections rise](#)

It wasn't immediately clear whether College Preparatory School's decision would be a bellwether for other districts. Ryan Phillips, a spokesperson for West Contra Costa Unified School District in the East Bay, suggested that a lack of state funding would make it difficult for public schools to take this route, in addition to logistical challenges.

[High school roundup: How No. 15 seed El Cerrito advanced in NCS baseball playoffs](#) | Mercury News

El Cerrito stuns No. 2 seed Windsor

El Cerrito didn't worry about the double-digit number next to its name. The Gauchos were seeded 15th in the North Coast Section Division II baseball bracket. Its first-round opponent, Windsor, was seeded second.

But when the playoffs continue this weekend, El Cerrito will be on a field and Windsor will be home.

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

[San Francisco Unified to appoint new superintendent from Hayward](#) | EdSource

Wayne has served as Hayward Unified superintendent for the past six years, and prior to that, he worked as assistant superintendent for education services for Hayward Unified. Before going to Hayward, he oversaw elementary schools for San Francisco Unified for two years. He has also worked as an assistant principal at West Contra Costa Unified and a teacher in New York City.

Wayne's contract will begin July 1.

Monday, May 16, 2022

[Travis Spark Challenge returns, ignites innovation - The Vacaville Reporter](#)

At Travis Air Force Base, airmen are frequently coming up with ways to improve the base's goal of defense readiness, especially amid a constantly changing world.

So too are high schoolers, who also come up with innovative solutions in the classes they take. It only makes sense that the two would come together for the base's annual Travis Spark Challenge. This year, two teams participated from Will C. Wood High School and three from De Anza High School in Richmond. The challenges the teams had to address were fuel savings, designing a viable alternative to the foreign object damage (FOD) to prevent damage to flight line vehicles and creating an application that utilizes flow control around the red line perimeter, which non-authorized personnel are forbidden to cross, near the flight line.