

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
April 21, 2023

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

April 26: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm, Lovonya DeJean

April 27: 2022-2023 Multilingual District Advisory Council (MDAC), 9:00am-11:00am at Serra Adult Education Center

May 2: Budget / Contract Committee Meeting, 9:30 am., Alvarado Adult School MPR

May 2: 23rd Annual Reclassification Ceremony, 5:00 pm., Richmond High School

May 3: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm, Lovonya DeJean

Educational Services - LaResha Huffman

Community Data Session Follow-Ups - LaResha Huffman, LaShante Smith & Morgan Matthews (Research & Reporting)

The information below is a follow-up from the April 12th board meeting discussion item - Student Data Summit #2.

Data Session slide 35 Suspension Data:

- Previous year data broken out by school
 - Suspension data by most serious offense category, by school, previous years:
 - [Suspension Count by Most Serious Offense Category 2018-19](#)
 - [Suspension Count by Most Serious Offense Category 2019-20](#)
 - [Suspension Count by Most Serious Offense Category 2020-21](#)
 - [Suspension Count by Most Serious Offense Category 2021-22](#)
 - Expulsion data by school, previous years (*Note expulsions were not centrally monitored with fidelity in previous years.)
 - [Expulsion Count by Most Serious Offense Category 2018-19](#)
 - [Expulsion Count by Most Serious Offense Category 2019-20](#)
 - [Expulsion Count by Most Serious Offense Category 2020-21](#)
 - [Expulsion Count by Most Serious Offense Category 2021-22](#)
- [Number of Students Suspended by Month and Year](#) - the numbers shown in the line chart are included here in a table.

Follow up Data Session on Chronic Absenteeism data:

- Chronic Absenteeism data by school and school type/level, by month year to date:
 - Absenteeism by School and Month 2022-23 YTD.pdf

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment STEM- LaResha Huffman (Gabriel Chilcott & team)

Math Department (Mark Lobaco & Team):

Contra Costa College Summer Courses for Mathematics—Despite new requirements limiting course offerings for college students, CCC has graciously decided to continue to offer high school equivalent mathematics courses this summer (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II) for secondary school students. CCC also offers higher level mathematics courses for both their college students and high school students from surrounding districts. [Here is their math course catalog](#) and their [Summer 2023 registration link](#). Principal guidelines regarding summer credit can be found in section 10.6 of the [Principals' Handbook](#).

Science & Engineering Department (John Iwawaki & Team):

Fairmont Elementary held its Science Festival on March 24. Students in small groups rotated through 18 stations with hands-on activities set up in the garden. Activities included bridge building, butterfly life cycles, flower dissection, spin art, the WCCUSD FabLab, and many more! Materials were provided by the community, and each station was led by a parent or volunteer from the community or local industry. All that the teachers needed to do was bring their students out to the yard and enjoy the activities themselves! More photos from the event are [HERE](#).



**Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment - Early Learning/TK-12
Literacy/Humanities/OAASA- LaResha Huffman (Elizabeth Henry & team)**

Focus on Literacy at Bayview Elementary!

The Literacy Team had a wonderful learning walk at Bayview. The admin team and literacy coach have been working hard to support differentiated foundational skills instruction using SIPPS, as well as interactive read-aloud work to support comprehension. Data walls and Common Core Standards walls support this work:

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Go Bayview Dolphins!

Family & Community Engagement - LaResha Huffman (Martine Blake & team)

On Friday, April 14th students from the King Elementary After School Program participated in a program wide Youth Voice Day. Students Kinder through 6th grade were invited to respond to the prompt: "What do you want to see/feel/touch/hear in your after school program?" Students were then invited to create a vision board to reflect their ideas for their after school program.



The remaining District's after school programs will be hosting their Youth Voice Day on Wednesday, April 19th. The data that the programs collect from Youth Voice Day will be used to inform after school program planning for the 2023-2024 SY.

On Monday, April 17th students in the Soskin After School Program participated in a nutrition and gardening program in partnership with Conscious Kitchen and Growing Together Project. Over the course of this school year the program has covered topics ranging from healthy eating; cooking sessions; addressing food waste and improving schools menus.



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On Monday, April 17, 19 Tara Hills after school students, grades 4-6th, took a study trip to Skyhigh Odditorium, an aerial gym. Students explored the art of aerial acrobatics and dance. They learned aerial basics and inversions.



Positive School Climate, OAASA & Enrollment - LaResha Huffman (LaShante Smith & team)

The Enrollment Office is working hard to increase enrollment in WCCUSD schools. In the last week, they have visited 15 schools to deliver enrollment banners and to meet principals and other staff. They will be attending community events over the next few months to advertise WCCUSD schools and help families understand the enrollment process. In addition to that work, they continue to manage transfer appeals, process applications, and prepare letters to go out in May.

The Attendance Team kicked off the COPE program (Counseling Options and Parent Education) at the 6 sites being served this Spring. The schools hosting the COPE program are Chavez, Coronado, Nystrom, Peres, Stege, and Verde. Families are currently submitting forms for their children to meet with counselors and several parents have agreed to meet with the parent educators. The goal is to increase the attendance of students with the highest numbers of chronic absences.

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Bus pass applications will be processed until April 26. Please get all applications in as soon as possible! If students need bus passes for summer school, families should indicate that on their summer school application.

April is Stress Management Awareness Month. Our social workers created a list of effective coping strategies for you to try this month. They are:

- Practicing mindfulness and relaxation techniques like meditation or yoga.
- Getting regular exercise
- Seeking social support from friends and loved ones.
- Prioritizing self-care activities like sleep and healthy eating.
- Setting realistic goals and boundaries, and seeking professional help if needed.
- Identifying and addressing the root causes of stress in your life is essential, such as overwhelming workloads or relationship problems.

Contract Update for the 4/26/23 Board Meeting – Robert McEntire-Mary Kitchen & Team
Contracts Summary - Business Services

The following contracts are on the April 26th Board Meeting Agenda for Board approval.

[Link to Contract Summary](#)

[Link to Contract Backup](#)

Procurement Summary - Business Services

This is a new summary that will be utilized going forward to present goods, equipment, special education, and other services that do not have AMOs

[Link to Procurement Summary](#)

[Link to Contract Backup](#)

* Reminder: Due to Student Protection Act no attachments will be provided for NPA/NPS services