

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
August 19, 2022

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

August 25: 7-11 Committee, 6:00pm, 1400 Marina Way S., Richmond 94804

September 1: Back to School Night - Elementary Schools, Minimum Day

Next Board of Education Meeting August 24, 2022– Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D

College & Career - LaResha Martin (Allison Huie & team)

Legislative Update and Call to Action

There has not been agreement yet in the Legislature to extend the authority to count a CTE course towards high school graduation requirements in place of a course in visual performing arts or foreign language. Schools have had this authority since 2011, but it sunset on June 30, 2022, and legislative action is necessary to continue this flexibility. Without such a continuation, many high school students will be negatively impacted who had enrolled in a CTE course with the expectation that course would count towards the state high school graduation requirements.

The bill to extend this authorization was AB 2044, which passed the Assembly *unanimously* by a vote of 72-0. However, the proposal has gotten caught up in a legislative dispute unrelated to the policy in the bill.

Supporters of CTE are urged to CALL their local state legislators (both members of the Assembly and the Senate) TODAY, Friday August 19, and urge them to work with their legislative leadership to approve language this August to continue the authorization to count a CTE course towards state high school graduation requirements.

The urgency of this request is that the Legislature will adjourn on August 31. It is critical that Legislative Leadership hear from legislators from all parts of the state that this issue needs to be resolved.

A [letter to legislators and the Governor](#) on this issue was released last night that is signed by a broad coalition of groups in California, including the CTE Coalition. A copy is attached for your information.

Contracts- Robert McEntire (Mary Kitchen & Team)

Rivera Healthcare Services, Inc. DBA CheckPoint OTC will provide fingerprinting services for parent volunteers, providing Live scan services, DOJ processing, and FBI. The expected number of volunteers to be processed in 2022-2023 is 1400.

[Link to Additional Information](#)