

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
August 5, 2022

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

August 15: CBOC Meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Marina Way S., Richmond 94804

August 16: First Day of School (Minimum Day)

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

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

Strategic Planning Update - Tracey Logan (CTO & Guiding Coalition Facilitator), Dr. Hurst (Superintendent)

The WCCUSD Strategic Planning Guiding Coalition is excited to share an update on our Strategic Planning process. Key members of the Guiding Coalition have prepared the below linked presentation for your review - work to date & next steps including district priorities. In July we sent the final Mission, Vision, and Graduate Profile skills out for input in a survey. 659 of the 1500 participants provided feedback on the information—but only 8.2% of the feedback was given by Spanish speaking families—which is disproportionate to our overall district demographics. Therefore, we have reopened the survey and are sharing preliminary results with you now until we can ensure wider community feedback. Please support our current outreach efforts to get more community input on our survey by August 28, 2022 -a flyer is attached below. At the September 7, 2022 Board meeting, key Guiding Coalition members will present our final mission, vision, and graduate profile skills for Board approval..

- [Link to the presentation update](#)
- Link to the survey flyer in [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

Communications Update - Ryan Phillips

Thursday, Aug 4, 2022

[School Districts Not Subject to California's Civil Rights Law, State Supreme Court Says](#) | Law.com

[Penalties for violating rights of the disabled don't apply to public schools, state Supreme Court rules](#) | S F Chronicle

California businesses that discriminate against a customer can be sued for penalties of at least \$4,000 and damages of as much as three times the harm they inflicted. But the same penalties do not apply to public schools that violate their students' rights, the state Supreme Court ruled Thursday in the case of a disabled student from Contra Costa County.

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Tuesday, Aug 2, 2022

[Bay Area superintendents sound off on back-to-school plans - KTVU](#)

In the face of a \$30 million deficit, West Contra Costa Unified School District Superintendent Chris Hurst said hard decisions have to be made. He is also looking forward to involving more parents and families in the decision-making that affects the district's students. Hurst said he wanted to make safety a priority from social-emotional programs to physical safety.

Monday, Aug 1, 2022

[WCCUSD Superintendent stresses safety on all fronts - Yahoo News](#)

West Contra Costa Unified School District Superintendent, Chris Hurst makes safety a priority. From social-emotional programs , physical safety and mental health, his checklist is long.

Thursday, Jul 28, 2022

[What Goes Wrong When Some School Board Members Don't Understand District Finances? | Forbes](#)

It's happening all over the country: a district's proposed budget includes financial decisions the board would rather not make – reducing staff, shrinking programs, or lower-than-desirable pay raises. When it comes time for the budget vote, a few board members reverse the unpopular elements. Here's the problem: Too often these hasty financial directives are made late in the game and without identifying responsible budget-balancing alternatives. As school lets out for the summer, the revised budget gets signed without taking stock of the effects on tomorrow's students.