

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
July 29, 2022

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

July 30: In-person Job Fair, 10:00am-1:00pm, 3400 Macdonald Ave, Richmond CA 94805

August 1: CBOC Meeting, 6pm, 1400 Marina Way S Richmond, CA 94804

August 3: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30pm, LoVonya DeJean Middle School

August 16: First Day of School (Minimum Day)

Next Board of Education Meeting August 3, 2022– Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D

WCCUSD Food Services Board Update: Free Students Meals and Local Control Funding Formula- Robert McEntire, Barbara Jellison & Team

Beginning the School Year 2022–23, California is one of the first states to implement a statewide Universal Meals Program for school children. This means that we will be able to provide healthy breakfasts and lunches each day at no charge to all enrolled students who want them. In addition, the State of California will provide supplemental funding intended to cover the difference between the Federal free and paid meal reimbursement rates.

To ensure we maximize the size and quality the WCCUSD Food Services program, staff applied for and the district was recently approved by the California Department of Education Nutrition Services to implement the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) at all WCCUSD schools. CEP is an option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs that has many benefits to students and the district.

WCCUSD Food Services under CEP would receive only 64% of the free reimbursement rate for both breakfast and lunch from the federal government, while the State of California would reimburse the district the outstanding 34% difference. Below includes an example breakdown of how the program is funded moving forward:

- Breakfast: $\$2.40$ (federal breakfast reimbursement rate) \times $.64$ (CEP %) = $\$1.54$ federal reimbursement plus $\$.86$ state reimbursement = 100% reimbursement
- Lunch: $\$3.90$ (federal lunch reimbursement rate) \times $.64$ (CEP %) = $\$2.50$ federal reimbursement plus $\$1.40$ state reimbursement = 100% reimbursement

Why is the federal reimbursement rate lower under CEP than the district previously received for meals served students who were identified for free meals under the national school lunch program. Basically, Why is the reimbursement rate only 64% from the federal government? WCCUSD has an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of 40%. “Identified students” are those students who are directly certified based on their participation in CalFresh, CalWORKs, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Medi-Cal Free and the extension of these benefits that go to students within the

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same household. Also included are students certified as homeless, migrant, foster, runaway or participating in the Head Start program.

Under CEP, meal applications will no longer be needed from families to qualify for meals at no charge. This is a big shift from past practice. In the past, the district used the free and reduced-price meal application to identify families who counted as unduplicated pupil count students to generate supplemental and concentration grant dollars for use in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). To ensure that WCCUSD receives additional state funding allocations under the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for the LCAP, district staff has created and posted the Educational Benefits Form for families to complete online or by hand. Identified students will not have to complete an Educational Benefits Form, and a parent/guardian for non-identified students may choose not to complete the Educational Benefit Form, but district staff will encourage the remaining families to complete the form so they can help maximum revenues for educational programs in the district and in classrooms. As we communicate the change in process and solicit forms from our families, it is important that all staff and board members share that the information collected is confidential and for internal district office use only.

2022 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Cinderella Refunding of 2014A) Direct Purchase with Capital One- Robert McEntire

[Letter of Congratulations from KNN on the successful sale of West Contra Costa Unified School District's \("WCCUSD" or "District"\) 2022 General Obligation Refunding Bonds \("2022 Refunding Bonds"\).](#)

Contract Update for the 8/3/22 Board Meeting – Robert McEntire-Mary Kitchen & Team

Amazon Services - Business Services

Procurement Contract #MA3457 (OMNIA Partners Piggyback). In order to reduce costs, starting in the 2022-2023 school year, schools and departments will be required to utilize this piggyback contract for educational, Office, IT, and MRO supplies and equipment. Schools and departments will utilize their own funding source for supplies, materials, and equipment as needed. This will be a not to exceed amount. Staff will bring it back to amend the dollar amount if it exceeds \$1,000,000.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

Dynamic Educational Services Inc. - Special Education

Compensatory Education for past and present services due to Learning Loss. The district is contracting with a certified Non-Public Agency to provide these compensatory services and assessments for Special Education.

The purpose of the contract is to provide compensatory education services for students with Individual Education Plans and these are specialized services that must be delivered through a Non Public Agency (NPA) that is recognized by the State of California. These services include Assessments for example (Speech, AAC Augmentative Alternative Communication), FBA (Full Behavioral Assessment), Psycho

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Educational, PT, OT) and related services such as Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and SAI (Specific Academic Instruction), Transitional Services (include instruction, community experiences, and development of employment and other post school adult living objectives. If appropriate, daily living skills and functional vocational evaluation).

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

EdView Consulting, LLC - Educational Services

Virtual leadership coaching for eight WCCUSD leaders utilizing the G-R-O-W model. This unique approach allows for the achievement of breakthrough goals while developing new leadership skills and resolving situational roadblocks that may emerge along the way. In every coaching session, they will measure progress against program goals, follow their roadmap and review action steps from the previous session. Virtual coaching includes bi-weekly 45-60 minute video call, and unlimited phone and email support between sessions. Each leader will also receive two onsite visits. See attached proposal for detailed information for this Non-Direct contract.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

New Leaders, Inc. AMOs - Educational Services

New Leaders will provide virtual and 6 in-person Leading and Learning Workshops for all Principals this 2022-2023 school year. New Leaders will also provide 6 in-person Breakthrough Leadership-Principal Pathway CoPs for one cohort of 12 participants. In addition to this work with Principals, New Leaders will provide a Strengthening System Level Leadership Pathway with a cohort of 10 Executive Directors/Directors in the Educational Services Department.

Chamberlin Education Foundation will provide grant funds for a portion of this contract once it is WCCUSD board approved. Contract was board approved 7/13/22. See attached updated AMO's per the board's request at the July 13, 2022 board meeting for the year.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

Performance Fact, Inc. - Educational Services

Performance fact, Inc. (PFI) will continue to support the clarification, alignment, implementation, and monitoring of the district's instructional strategies. PFI will provide professional learning for all school leaders on a monthly basis focused on the district's instructional focus plan and data driven cycles of inquiry. Job embedded targeted coaching and support for the CAO/Associate Superintendent, CAO's team and the Educational Services Unit. See attached proposal for this Non-Direct contract.

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The Stepping Stones Group - Special Education

The agency is providing teachers who have specialized expertise to teach Students with Disabilities.

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Zearn Inc. - Curriculum & Instruction

Zearn will provide school accounts and on-demand pd to 37 elementary and k-8 schools in our district. In the past sites have elected to purchase this service individually but this year the service will be provided centrally.

[Link to Additional Information](#)

2223-1 RFP Direct Services - Business Services

Per Public Contract Code (PCC 20111) the district issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to over 200 direct services providers. 91 providers have responded to the RFP. Attached is a list of providers that have been evaluated and accepted for use for school sites for the 2022-23 school year. Sites will be able to choose from the approved providers and contracts will be established for services that will not exceed individual school budgets for direct services to students.

The district will be issuing another RFP to secure additional providers for our schools.

[Link to Additional Information](#)