

West Contra Costa Unified School District  
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**Friday Memo**  
**May 12, 2023**

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

May 15: 7-11 Committee Meeting, 6-8pm FOC

May 16: WCCUSD Contract Committee Meeting, 9:30-2pm, Alvarado Adult Education

May 18: African American STudents of Honor Celebration, 6-8pm, Craneway Pavilion

May 19: Black Graduation Kente Ceremony, 6-7:30pm, Craneway Pavilion

May 20: Middle College High School Graduation Ceremony, 10am-12pm, Pinole Valley High School

**Next Board of Education Meeting May 17, 2023 – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D.**

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

**Math Department (Mark Lobaco & Team):**

The WCCUSD Math Department reviews and revises courses on an ongoing basis. We are excited to be offering more advanced math courses in secondary this year. The Math Parent Letter outlining WCCUSD's mathematics secondary course sequencing has been updated and can be found [HERE](#).

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

Students who attended the district African American Literacy Night in February were given the opportunity to complete a book log. Students who read every day in March earned fabulous prizes. Here are some of our fantastic readers!



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**English Learner Achievement - LaResha Huffman (Esaul Orozco & Team)**

Last week, our district celebrated our annual reclassification ceremony. Unfortunately, due to the rain weather forecast we had to shift to a zoom ceremony. The Zoom ceremony was well attended with over 350 viewers. A QR code survey to families of awardees was also shared to plan an in-person event later this year.



The Internationals Newcomer Academy was visited by East Coast Schools from the network last week. Thank you RHS for providing the model and strengthening the network of newcomer programs across the country.

Lastly, the last DLI parent meeting of the year is on Tuesday, May 18th from 4-5pm. We will have an end of the year DLI program update as well as electing our first ever DLI delegates for our DLI parent committee next year.



**AB218 Revived Liability Funding Invoice (2nd Reassessment) - Robert McEntire Ed.D.& Phyllis Rose**

AB218, known as The California Child Victims Act, was enacted effective January 1, 2020. The statute covers a three-year revival period which allows lawsuits from any time in the past against schools by victims of sexual assault.

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These revival claims have occurred statewide and the cost of additional litigation must be funded. Liability coverage for these claims is based on a school district's insurance program in place during the year the event occurred.

From 1987 through 2007, the District was a member Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF) Excess Liability Program. SELF is a not-for-profit Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that provides excess liability coverage to its members beyond the primary coverage they purchased from an underlying JPA, covering claims that exceed \$1 million or \$5 million. As a member, we agreed to pay contributions set by the SELF Board in exchange for coverage to fund liabilities. Those included liabilities retroactively imposed by laws, such as AB 218.

In 2020, the SELF Board declared its first special assessment of \$46.6 million, based on a preliminary actuarial analysis of the fiscal impact. SELF developed per-year funding amounts calculated as a pro-rata share of each district's original contributions and included ADA in the formula. The District's contribution for the first reassessment was \$243,527 in 2021.

SELF has completed a second reassessment. From January 1, 2020 to September 2022, SELF has received 119 AB218 claims (221 plaintiffs) with an anticipated value of \$141 million. The District has received an invoice of \$591,430 for its pro-rata share. The district will pay the invoice in two even installments, in August 2023 and August 2024.

Although the three-year revival period expired December 31, 2022, AB218 extended the statute of limitations to age 40. School districts remain vulnerable to additional claims which are unknown at this time. As such, it is unclear if there will be a need for further funding. The board will be presented requisitions for approval at a board meeting in July 2023 and July 2024.

**Update Pupil Transportation Services for Home-to-School- Robert McEntire, Ed.D. & David Johnston**

The district has solicited Pupil Transportation Services for home-to-school for Special Ed students and extracurricular activities such as Athletics and field trips for the 23-24 school year. Request for Proposal (RFP) 2223-05 packages were sent out on May 10th to vendors who are able to provide transportation services or who have requested to be placed on our transportation RFP list. RFP responses are due to the district on May 26th for review and vetting. After a selection has been made, the contract that best suits our students will be brought to the Board on June 14th for approval.

**Charter Schools Annual Update- Robert McEntire & Margarita Romo**

The 2022-23 annual site visits to the District's eight charter schools were completed in March and April by Margarita Romo, Business Services Coordinator, Dr. Linda Delgado, Retired WCCUSD Charter Oversight Director, and Esaul Orozco, Director of English Learner Achievement. The team met and interviewed school site leaders, parents, students, and teachers to learn about each school's goals and the actions they are taking to implement them, things that are going well, what students like/dislike about their schools and various other topics.

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The schools are listed below in the order they were visited:

1. Amethod Benito Juarez Elementary
2. Amethod Richmond Charter Academy
3. Leadership Public School - Richmond
4. Voices College-Bound Language Academy
5. Richmond College Prep
6. Aspire Richmond CA College Prep
7. Aspire Richmond Technology Academy
8. Summit Tamalpais

The Annual Charter Report is posted on the District's [charter website](#) and provides more information about the annual visits. The report also covers data from the 2021-22 academic year from DataQuest and from the California Department of Education's web-based data reporting system. The Districts' oversight process and Annual Charter Report will be presented at the June 14th Board of Education meeting.

**Contract Update for the 5/17/23 Board Meeting – Robert McEntire-Mary Kitchen & Team**

Contracts Summary - Business Services

The following contracts are on the May 17th Board Meeting Agenda for Board approval.

[Link to Contract Summary](#)

[Link to Contract Backup](#)

**Procurement Summary - Business Services**

**No Procurement Items for 5/17/23**

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

**Human Resources Classified Testing Dates**

The testing event aims to streamline the onboarding process for employees who may be promoted and bring in outside applicants. Having testing on record in advance will help speed up the process. We will have a recruitment table with Edjoin information for this in-person event.

We will start the advertisement Monday, May 15th. It will be an RSVP-type event. The testing event will take place at Alvarado Adult School. The event will be a **2-day** event to give everyone different times to have the opportunity to take multiple tests.

 [HR May Testing Events Flyer.pdf](#)