

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
May 26, 2023

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

June 2: Pinole Valley High School Commencement Ceremony, 6-8pm, Pinole Valley High School

June 3: Vista High / Virtual Academy Commencement Ceremony, 11am-1pm, Pinole Valley High School Theater

June 3: Gateway to College Commencement Ceremony, 3pm-5pm, Contra Costa College Knox Theater

June 5: Adult Education Commencement Ceremony, 6pm-8pm, Richmond High School Theater

June 6: DeAnza High School Commencement Ceremony, 6pm-8pm, Hercules High School

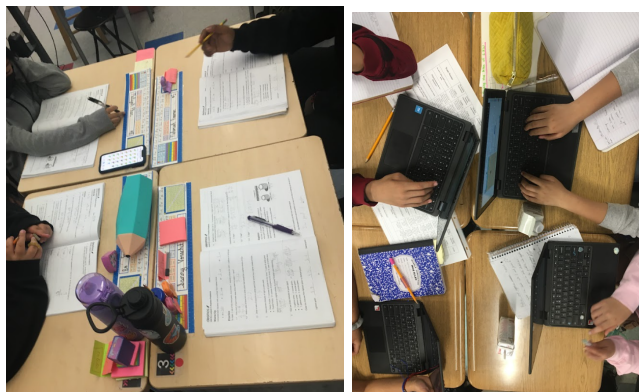
June 7: El Cerrito High School Commencement Ceremony, 6pm-8pm, El Cerrito High School

June 8: Richmond High School Commencement Ceremony, 6pm-8pm, Richmond High School

Next Board of Education Meeting June 7, 2023 – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D.

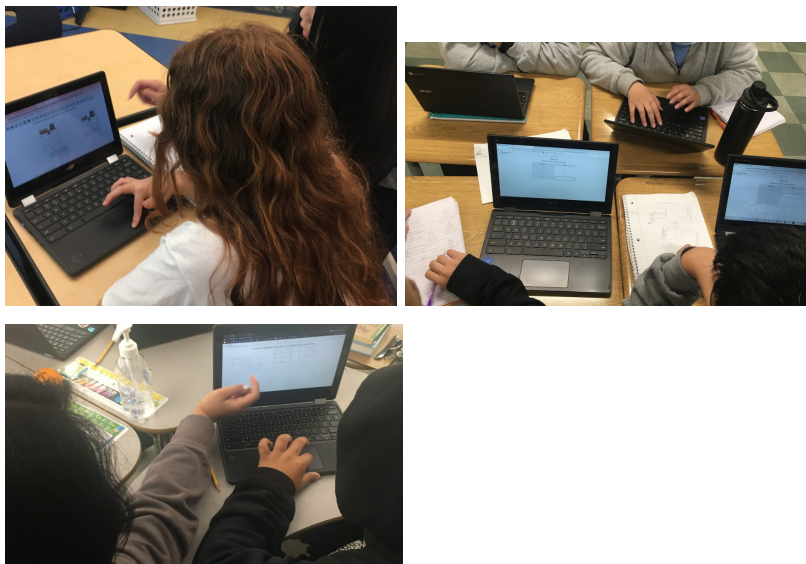
Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment STEM- LaResha Huffman (Gabriel Chilcott & Team)

Desmos Math (Mark Lobaco & Team) –Several highlights to celebrate as we close out Year 2 of our Gates Effective Implementation Grant using Desmos 6-8 Math curriculum.



- Celebrating teacher usage and student learning, [this slide deck from Desmos](#) gives an overview of the program and usage data for WCCUSD grades 6-8 and Algebra 1 classrooms.
- Based on multiple observations by coaches and support providers since spring 2022, we have seen increases in our classroom visitation tool indicators in both student learning behaviors (collaborative problem-solving, productive struggle) and lesson facilitation (cultivating a positive and inclusive learning environment, teacher questioning, valuing student thinking), as well as an increase in the percentage of classrooms where indicators were present. Data was shared to and analyzed by the District Implementation Team. [Here are more details on the results](#), including a link to the visitation tool rubric.

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- The Desmos District Implementation Team presented [this poster](#) to school district leaders from across the US at the Gates Foundation-sponsored two-day convening in San Diego in January, demonstrating successes and challenges of implementation.
- Increasing numbers of [Promethean ActivPanels](#) have been available for math time! Thank you, IT Department and EdTech Coordinator Laurie Roberts!



- Desmos has recently earned all-green, [perfect scores on EdReports](#) (for Desmos Math 6–8) and a recent WestEd study has shown that Desmos helps [improve student learning outcomes](#).

We plan to add even more teachers and students using Desmos in SY 23-24! Here is the [grant project's overview](#) as well as teacher testimonials!

Go teachers! Go students! We are steadily working towards our vision of “*All learners know, use, and enjoy mathematics!*”