

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
October 28, 2022

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

October 31: Halloween (Minimum Day K-8)

November 1: Elementary Conference Day, No School Elementary ONLY

November 2: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:30 pm, DeJean Middle School

November 3: 7-11 Meeting, 6:00pm, 1400 Marina Way S. Richmond

November 5: Fingerprint Party, 9:00am-12:00pm, Helms Middle School

Next Board of Education Meeting November 2, 2022– Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D

Closed Session begins at 4:00pm

Contract Update for the 11/02/22 Board Meeting – Robert McEntire-Mary Kitchen & Team

Contracts Summary - Business Services

The following contracts are on the November 2nd Board Meeting Agenda for Board approval.

[Link to Contract Summary](#)

[Link to Contract Backup](#)

Procurement Summary - Business Services

This is a new summary that will be utilized going forward to present goods, equipment, special education, and other services that do not have AMOs

[Link to Procurement Summary](#)

[Link to Procurement Backup](#)

Communications Update - Liz Sanders

Wednesday, Oct 26, 2022

West Contra Costa schools' performing arts education expanding - East Bay Times

Living Jazz, a Bay Area jazz-rooted education nonprofit, has announced that the Living Jazz Children's Project's (LJCP) is expanding into the West Contra Costa Unified School District and will serve after-school programs in four more schools this term. This brings the nonprofit group's total of public schools served across the greater East Bay to 11, with more than 1,300 students.

Monday, Oct 24, 2022

In Richmond, Extra Money for Arts Education Is an Equity Issue | 90.3 KAZU

It's been clear to Richmond High School junior Angelee Montances that when it comes to arts and music education, all things are not created equal in Richmond. "Communities like mine, Richmond High, where it's predominantly brown kids, we don't get the same opportunity as in like Hercules, which is, you know, predominantly Asian kids and white kids," she said.

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[Contra Costa County Office of Education to host job fair - Richmond Standard](#)

The Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) will host a job fair highlighting permanent, and substitute classified and certificated positions on Thursday, Oct. 27, in Pleasant Hill. The event will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Ronald L. Stewart Center at 77 Santa Barbara Road in Pleasant Hill. Attendees will meet with representatives of school districts, including the West Contra Costa Unified School district, to discover a number of positions throughout the county in a variety of fields and skillsets, including substitute positions and non-teaching positions

Friday, Oct 20, 2022

[Late-in-term shuffling of teachers harms classes, say faculty and officials | EdSource](#)

It's not uncommon for teachers to be shuffled around to various campuses during the first week or two of school. But such shifts more than a month into this school year have triggered controversy at West Contra Costa Unified and Los Angeles Unified.

[COVID's online school hurt kids' test scores. Some adults regret it. | AP News](#)

Some school officials said they lacked the expertise to decide whether it was safe to open schools. "Schools should never have been placed in a situation where we have choice," said Tony Wold, former associate superintendent of West Contra Costa Unified School District, east of San Francisco. "With lessons learned, when you have a public health pandemic, there needs to be a single voice."

Thursday, Oct 20, 2022

[West Contra Costa Unified still short around 60 teachers | EdSource](#)

Two months into the school year, West Contra Costa Unified is still struggling to fill around 60 teacher vacancies amid a [nationwide shortage](#).