

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Board Weekly Memo
April 26, 2024

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

April 27: 17th Annual Transition and Special Education Resource Fair, 10am-12pm, Vista Hills Education Center - 2625 Barnard St. San Pablo, CA 94806

Next Board of Education Meeting May 1, 2024 – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D.

Special Education - Guthrie Fleischman & Team

The [Special Education Department Newsletter](#) provides announcements and important information to Special Education Staff that we wanted to share with the board.

Positive School Climate/Student Recruitment & Retention - Guthrie Fleischman (LaShante Smith & Team)

At the special board meeting on April 17, each Trustee had follow up questions regarding truancy data. Director Smith was able to collect some of those questions and has been gathering data. Initial questions that have been presented to Director Smith are answered below. Further follow up questions will be provided by the school board trustees and will be answered in a subsequent Friday memo.

Question: Is there ever a time that a family needs to go to truancy court, or is that left solely to the school district?

In previous years there has been a District Attorney for the county assigned to truancy court and we did refer students out. Usually approximately 50 students per year. The preference of the court, and of the district, is that we expend every reasonable effort and resource within the district before referring the case out. There is not currently a DA assigned to truancy court, so we have not referred any students out this school year.

Question: Would you please publish the chronic absenteeism rate by school and can you include system-wide demographic information on chronic absenteeism:
Grade, Race, SpEd, English Language Learner

We do not typically publish truancy data on our website; however, updated and disaggregated truancy data is available to view here: [Current Truancy Data 4/24/24](#). This data set is not exhaustive and will continue to be updated as follow up questions are received from the school board trustees.

Annually updated and disaggregated truancy data is available at the [California School Dashboard](#). The currently published data is for the 22-23 school year.