# West Contra Costa Unified School District *Office of the Superintendent*

Weekly Memo January 19, 2024

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

January 22: 2024 Budget Community Forum, 6:00-8:00pm, Zoom

January 23: 2024 Budget Community Forum, 6:00-8:00pm, Zoom

January 27: Ed Fair 2024, 10:00am-12:30pm, Pinole Valley High School

## Next Board of Education Meeting January 24, 2024 – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D.

## Office of African American Student Achievement - Sonja Neely-Johnson (Sonja Bell, Ardarius McDonald & John Cable)

New meeting date for this month's AASAT Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30th @ 6pm via Zoom.



## Family & Community Engagement - Sonja Neely-Johnson (Martine Blake & team)

The Expanded Learning Office (EXLO) is submitting the District's ASES Renewal Grant this week. The After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program, alternately known as "Prop 49", is the result of the 2002 voter-approved initiative, Proposition 49. This proposition amended California Education Code (EC) Section 8482 to expand and rename the former Before and After School Learning and Safe Neighborhood Partnerships Program (BALSNPP).

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The ASES Program funds the establishment of local after school education and enrichment programs. These programs are created through partnerships between schools and local community resources to provide literacy, academic enrichment and safe constructive alternatives for students in transitional kindergarten through ninth grade (K–9). Funding is designed to: (1) maintain existing before and after school program funding; and (2) provide eligibility to all elementary and middle schools that submit quality applications throughout California. There are currently 28 sites in the District with ASES-funded after school programs. The ASES grant must be renewed by the LEA every three years and a copy of the District's ASES Program Plan for 2023-2026 may be viewed here.

The Expanded Learning Office has a new contract and several amendments on the January 24th Board Agenda. There is a new contract with BACR to replace the current lead agency provider at Helms Middle School, Envisioneers. This change in partnership is the result of the provider's on-going challenges with maintaining and managing the programs' attendance, as outlined in the Lead Agency Exhibit B, and their responsiveness in working collaboratively with EXLO to address missing attendance issues. Envisioneers will provide programming through Friday, February 2, 2024.

The EXLO contract amendments include an increase for After School Play in Clay to bring programming to Coronado, King, and Fairmont elementary schools, and amendments with BACR to increase staff and serve more students currently waitlisted at Highland, Lincoln, King, and Nystrom. Lastly there is a contract amendment with BACR to increase staffing at the Stewart after school program hub in order to accommodate prospective unduplicated students from Collins, Ellerhorst, Hanna Ranch, Lupine Hills, and Ohlone.

#### **Communications Update - Raechelle Forrest**

News of the Week: NONE.

Legislative Updates: NONE.