

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

**Board Weekly Memo**  
**March 1, 2024**

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

March 5: 7-11 Committee Meeting, 6:00-8:00pm, FOC Building

March 6: End of Trimester 2

March 8: 37th Annual You Make a Difference Awards Ceremony, 7:00-9:00pm, Lovonya Dejean Middle School

**Next Board of Education Meeting March 6, 2024 – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D.**

**College & Career - Sonja Neely-Johnson (Dr. Allison Huie & Team)**

**Annual Counselor Collaborative with Contra Costa College**

WCCUSD HS counselors attended a half-day symposium at Contra Costa College in order to collaborate with CCC counselors and staff around supporting WCCUSD students to access resources at the college. WCCUSD counselors learned about admissions processes, special programs, and student support services so that they can share this information with WCCUSD students and Families.

**Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment - Early Learning/TK-12 Literacy/Humanities- Sonja Neely-Johnson (Sonja Bell & Team)**

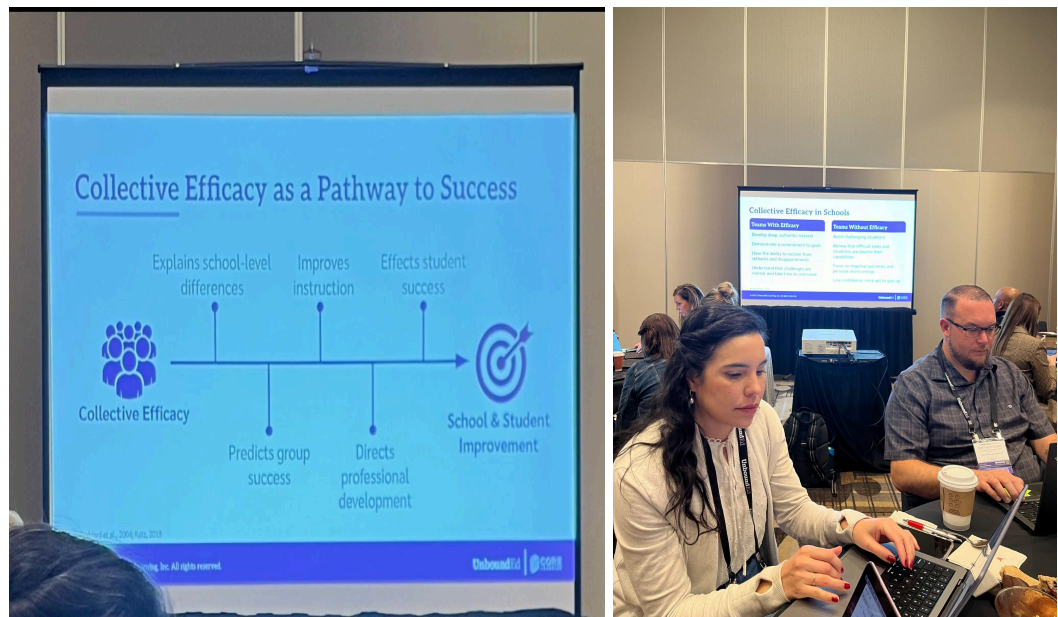
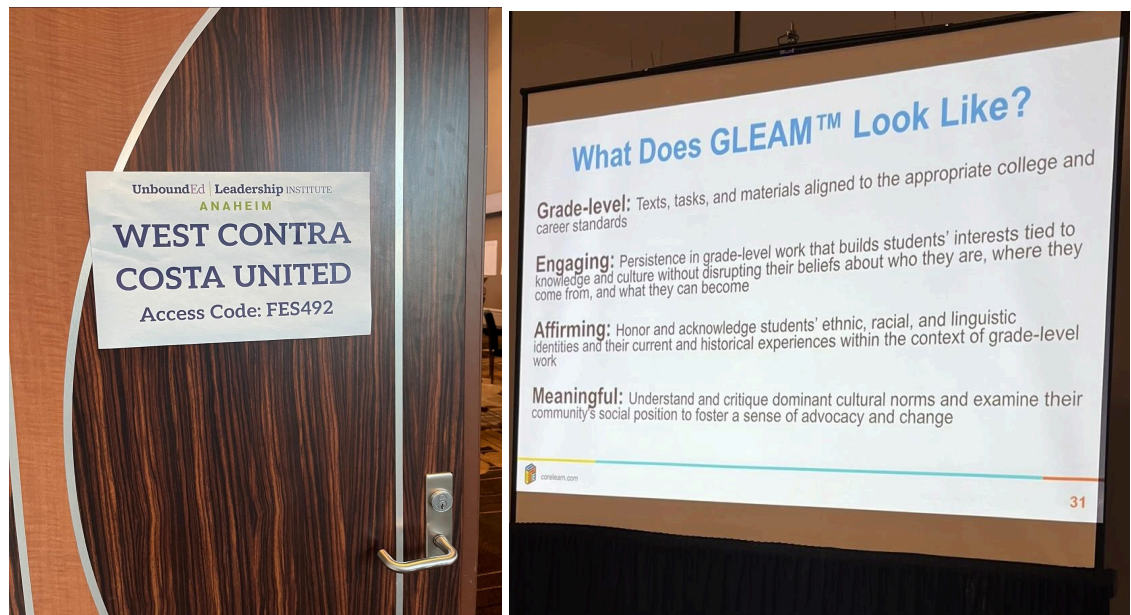
Before our break, an illustrious group of administrators and teacher leads from elementary and secondary attended the UnBounded Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA. There they were able to attend training sessions from the Digital Ecosystem learning pathways that included Literacy for elementary and secondary teacher leads, Leadership Institute, ELA collaboration and more.

UnBounded teaches from the **GLEAM™ leadership hypothesis** which states that only when a teacher's mindset and planning are purposefully put into the service of **GRADE- LEVEL, ENGAGING, AFFIRMING AND MEANINGFUL** instruction do we see the teacher actions and student experiences that exemplify successful teaching for historically marginalized students.

Both leaders and teachers engaged in rigorous deep dives into their own pedagogical beliefs, unpacking and rebuilding under their newfound knowledge of instructional vision building, staff development and collaboration and student achievement. Each day of training provided "Team Time", a very useful site based collaboration to build how implementation of GLEAM strategies would happen when they returned home.

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UnboundED was a dynamic action-packed professional development space that rejuvenated and propelled our team to spring into action.



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**TK-12 Schools - Sonja Neely-Johnson (Keisha Prier, Katherine Acosta-Verprauskus, Summer Sigler & Jose DeLeon)**

There are several fundraisers on the agenda with dates that have already occurred. While they were signed by the Executive Director before the fundraiser took place, the paperwork submission was out of cadence with the board meetings. We are working with Principals to ensure that fundraising forms are submitted in a timely manner. We will request one month advance notice to our office in order to ensure enough lead time for events to receive board approval before they take place. We can attest that the [fundraisers](#) attached to the March 6th Board meeting were within the bounds of district guidelines.

**Communications Update - Raechelle Forrest**

**News of the Week:** None.

**Legislative Updates:**

\*These legislative updates are only meant to be informative to our Board and community so they are aware of legislation that may affect them and our community

**CA Senate Bill 1263**

The bill proposes that the state remove the California Teaching Performance Assessment (CalTPA) from teacher performance assessments. It also would eliminate a literacy teacher assessment test that was originally mandated by Senator Susan Rubio.

***SPONSORS:*** CA Senator. Josh Newman, D-Fullerton

***STATUS:*** Introduced to State Senate

**[Full Bill Text Here](#)**

**CA Assembly Bill 2927**

AB 2927 will require California high schools to provide a one-semester, stand-alone course in personal finance to all students as a graduation requirement.

***SPONSORS:*** CA Senator. Josh Newman, D-Fullerton

***STATUS:*** Introduced to State Senate

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