

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

**Friday Memo**  
**October 20, 2023**

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

October 24: DLCAPS, 6:30-8:30PM, Zoom

October 25: Minimum Day for Report Card Marking - Middle/High Schools Only

October 26: LCAP Town Hall Meeting, 6-8pm, Pinole Valley High School

**Next Board of Education Meeting October 25, 2023 – Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D.**

**Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment STEM- Sonja Neely-Johnson (Dr. Gabriel Chilcott & Team)**

**K-5 Adoption Committee Update**

In preparation for recommendation for new K-5 mathematics curriculum for SY 24-25, the [K-5 Math Adoption Committee](#) has carefully analyzed five high quality curricula and, using [agreed-upon selection criteria](#), voted to pilot Great Minds' Eureka Math Squared and Kendall Hunt's Illustrative Mathematics (IM). Teachers received pilot training, classroom materials, and manipulatives for Eureka Math Squared and have begun classroom piloting one entire unit of their choice. Two check-in meetings have been planned during the piloting period and in December the committee will debrief their findings. Kendall Hunt's IM training and piloting period will begin in January. The pilot committee will vet both texts using an [Anti-Bias Screener based on these criteria](#).

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

**CEP College Advising Professional Development for WCCUSD Counselors**

In response to the ongoing need for professional development, capacity building, practical tools, and resources designed to strengthen college-going culture and increase college-going rates UC Berkeley's Center for Educational Partnerships (CEP) Partner Professional Development P20 initiative provides CEP school/district partners like WCCUSD with **FREE** access to CEP's Online (On-Demand) College Advising Courses and CEP's Year-Round (Synchronous) College Conversation / Advising Webinars.

These resources include online (on-demand) College Advising courses designed by college advising experts for new and experienced college access professionals and counselors in schools, community-based organizations, and college access programs focusing on these areas:

Online (on-demand) Course Focus Areas:

- College Knowledge
- Application Support
- Senior Timeline
- Specialized Populations

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Additionally, CEP offers year-round College Advising Webinars designed for college-access professionals and high school counselors that are designed to build capacity and share ready-to-use tools and resources.

Topics for the 23-24 school year include:

- Strategies for Effective Private College Applications & Writing Letters of Recommendation
- CSU Undergraduate Application Overview & Tools
- Supporting High School Seniors After They Apply
- The Importance of Career Exploration in College Advising
- Supporting High School Seniors Through the Community College Enrollment Process
- Supporting High School Seniors in Accepting Admission & Securing Financial Aid
- Preparing High School Juniors for the Fall Timeline / Selecting a Major / Creating a College & Major List
- Avoiding Summer Melt - Summer College Transition Tools & Best Practices

**Positive School Climate/Student Recruitment & Retention - Sonja Neely-Johnson (LaShante Smith & Team)**

**School Attendance Review Team (SART) Collaborative**

To address the constantly growing need for enhancing attendance improvement strategies through practical resources, professional development, and capacity building, a SART Collaborative was established in September 2023.

This initiative aims to improve attendance and develop effective strategies to address this issue by promoting collaboration between site attendance review teams and offers the opportunity for peer-to-peer dialogue, troubleshooting and assessment of district wide best practices.

Brainstorming with colleagues can help generate fresh ideas and perspectives to develop messaging strategies that resonate with students and parents. By working together, teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders can pool their knowledge and experience to develop innovative solutions to address absenteeism.

Attendance Teams are encouraged to join the SART Collaborative discussions every third Wednesday of the month, in a morning or afternoon session. With this initiative, we hope to support our Student Wellness Goals to increase overall district attendance rates by 3%, from 91% to 94%.



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**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Oct. 18, 2023, HR wore orange to show support and stand against bullying!



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**Join us at the WCCUSD Community Job Fair**

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023

9am - 12pm

Lovonya DeJean Middle School

3400 McDonald Ave, Richmond, CA 94805

The WCCUSD Community Job Fair is an opportunity to interview, take a test for open positions, get assistance completing edjoin applications, schedule fingerprinting appointments, and much more. SEARCH for jobs at [Edjoin.org](https://edjoin.org). REGISTER for our Community Job Fair using the link or QR code below: [WCCUSD Community Job Fair Registration](#)

QR Code:



School sites and vendors interested in setting up a table can use this link to RSVP.

[WCCUSD Community Job Fair Reservation - Venders](#)

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# Join us for the **WCCUSD** Community Job Fair

**WCCUSD is hiring!**  
Apply on EdJoin prior to the job  
fair for an on-site job interview.



**Saturday**  
**November 4, 2023**  
**9 AM to 12 PM**

DeJean Middle School  
3400 Macdonald Ave.  
Richmond, CA 94805

**We have open positions for:**  
**Custodial, Food Service,**  
**Paraprofessionals, Typist Clerks,**  
**Teachers .... and more!**

Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://bit.ly/wccusdjobfair1123>



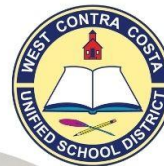
## **You can:**

- Interview for open jobs
- Meet principals & District staff
- Have your resume reviewed

**For more information, visit [www.wccusd.net/hr](http://www.wccusd.net/hr)**



# Asista a La feria laboral del distrito (WCCUSD)



**¡El Distrito está contratando personal!**  
Postule a través de EdJoin antes de que  
se realice la feria laboral, así podrá tener  
una entrevista en el lugar del evento.



**Sabado  
4 de noviembre,  
2023**

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**Tenemos posiciones abiertas para:  
consejeros, trabajadores de la  
cafetería, Paraprofesionales,  
empleados de mecanógrafo,  
maestros .... y mas!**

Escanee el código QR o visita  
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- **Entrevistas de trabajo**
- **Conversaciones con los directores y el personal del Distrito**
- **Revisiones de currículum**

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