

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
March 15, 2019

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

March 16: Elementary Basketball League, Greenwood Academy, 9 - 4
March 16: Parent University, Korematsu, 9-12
March 19: DLCAP Meeting, Kennedy HS, 6:30 PM
March 20: Board of Education Meeting, DeJean MS, 6:30 PM
March 21: Middle School Open House
March 22: Minimum Day Middle Schools Only
March 23: Elementary Basketball League, Greenwood Academy, 9-4
March 23: Parent University, Korematsu 9-12
March 26: Agenda Setting, Superintendent's Office, 4:00 PM
March 27: Board of Education Joint CBOC Meeting, FOC, 6:00 PM
March 28: End of 3rd Quarter
March 28: High School Open House – Minimum Day
March 30: Elementary Basketball League, Greenwood Academy, 9-4
March 30: Parent University and Graduation, Korematsu, 9-12
March 29: Middle and High School Minimum Day (Report Card Marking)
April 1-5: Spring Recess, No School

Intradistrict Transfers based on CSI/PI status – Matt Duffy

At the next Board meeting, I will bring a consent item to ask the Board to move back to allowing intradistrict transfers for CSI schools, rather than PI schools. Now that the CSI list is public, there are too many schools from the old PI days that have made significant progress according to the state. I am asking the Board to approve 2019-20 intradistrict transfers only using CSI. The list is attached.

District audit summary - Dr. John al-Amin

Included for your Friday memo review are copies of the District Financial Audit, Bond Financial Audit of 2010 Measure D and 2012 Measure E, and the Measure G Parcel Tax Audit. The district received unqualified opinions on our bond financial and parcel tax audits, and an unmodified opinion on the financial audit. On the district financial audit there was a qualified opinion given which is related to how our Fixed Capital Assets have been reported. Staff are currently working to resolve this. Our auditor, Christy White, will present these reports at your next meeting on March 20, 2019. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

WCCUSD Solar Power Purchase Agreement - Pinole Valley High School-Lisa LeBlanc

On March 20, 2019, District staff will be requesting the Board to approve a Power Purchase Agreement with Engie for solar panels at the newly constructed Pinole Valley High School. The District prepared a Request for Qualifications/Proposal, completed the selection process and identified Engie as the best value firm for the solar project. To date, the district has implemented solar at 31 sites throughout the District and we are very pleased to partner with Engie to continue implementing sustainable energy solutions for our schools. The solar project at PVHS will be constructed over the Summer of 2019 and will consist of solar carports over the main parking lot of the site. We anticipate a savings of approximately \$1.7 Million over 25 years.

WCCUSD Food Services' Lovonya DeJean Cafeteria Celebrates Black History Month and National School Breakfast Week with Students - Lisa LeBlanc

WCCUSD Food Services appreciated the request from the principal and staff from Lovonya De Jean to offer a special lunch in recognition of Black History Month for their students. Food Services worked with site staff, volunteers and student volunteers from Leadership to serve over 450 meals to students and staff during the event. BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, freshly made corn muffins by Central Kitchen, Caesar salad and fresh seasonal fruit were on the menu. The event was a success for all involved. Special thanks to the cafeteria school staff and Food Services Central Kitchen for supporting this special event.

Busy weekday mornings make it a challenge for families to find time for a healthy breakfast. However, US Department of Agriculture data show that more students are starting their day with a nutritious breakfast in their school cafeterias. To encourage more families to take advantage of the healthy choices available with school breakfast, Lovonya DeJean cafeteria staff recognized National School Breakfast Week which was March 4-9, 2019. A smoothie bike was brought in to show students the importance of breakfast and exercise as they created their own smoothies made with yogurt, fruit and 100% juice. We also showcased breakfast items on a new mobile breakfast cart to attract students as they walked into the multipurpose room.

For more information on WCCUSD meal program, go to www.wccusd.net - Food Services department or call WCCUSD Food Services at 510-307-4580



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Wilson ES Project Update - Lisa LeBlanc

In March 2019, the District published a community newsletter to provide an update to the community regarding the status and progress of the Wilson project. Please see the attached project newsletter.

Wilson ES: Granting an Easement to the City of Richmond

At the upcoming Board meeting on March 20, 2019, the Board will need to hold a public hearing to receive comment and consider granting an Easement to the City of Richmond. District staff has prepared the easement in collaboration with the City of Richmond and the Design Build Team. As part of the Wilson Elementary School Project, the District intends to construct two student drop off zones along 41st and 42nd Streets which will require the relocation of an existing sidewalk onto District property. In order for the City of Richmond to maintain the public sidewalk once the improvements are completed, the District must grant the City non-exclusive access to certain portions in, over, under, along, and across the Wilson Elementary School site in the location of the relocated sidewalk improvements. If the Board approves the Easement on March 20, 2019, it will be sent to the City of Richmond for acceptance.

News Articles of Interest - Marcus Walton

<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2019/03/12/opinion-why-we-should-ban-kids-smartphone-use-in-school/> - Why we should ban kids' smartphone use in school

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/bayarea/article/Changes-To-Wccusd-Board-Elections-Aim-To-Improve-13673478.php> - Changes To Wccusd Board Elections Aim To Improve Representation

<https://richmondstandard.com/community/education/2019/03/06/judge-approves-wccusd-trustee-area-map-ending-litigation/> - Judge approves WCCUSD trustee area map, ending litigation

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/education/article226279165.html> - How Sacramento City Unified got into financial crisis