

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
January 22, 2021

Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy

January 22: Budget Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM
January 23: Board of Education Special Meeting, 9:00 AM
January 25: Charter Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM
January 27: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 PM
February 1: Safety Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM
February 1: CAC Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
February 3: Board of Education Study Session No. 2, 5:30 PM

Next Week’s Board Meeting January 27 - Matthew Duffy

Closed Session will begin at 5:00 PM.

Reopening Public Dashboard - Tracey Logan

As WCCUSD is preparing to safely return to school, the staff has created and posted a dashboard to keep the public informed. The [WCCUSD Readiness to Return To In-Person Instruction Dashboard](#) shows current progress to data on status in several areas for school reopening. The District will update its Readiness to Return To In-Person Instruction Dashboard weekly on Thursdays.

The preparation includes tracking health indicators, protocols and procedures for staff, preparing facilities, and health and safety protocols for students and families.

Specifically, WCCUSD is working in-depth on several areas to accommodate a return to in-person instruction. These include evaluating and analyzing facilities, securing and purchasing air filtration and ventilation equipment, hand sanitizer, personal protective equipment, cleaning and disinfection supplies, and signage and instituting preventive measures and changes to schools and department buildings.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Contra Costa County COVID-19 Dashboards: <https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/>

United Teachers of Richmond (UTR) Reopening Tracker:
<https://airtable.com/shrdsGETuA7a5Lyqt/tblSPTdH6oAP8OckJ>

Contracts Update – Tony Wold (Mary Kitchen)

The January 27th board summary has 2 items for review

The Maintenance and Operations Department is bringing forward one contract

- Republic Services is being brought to the board for the approval of a new contract for the three year period of 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2023. On June 10, 2020 the Board approved an extension of the previous contract until such a time as this contract was ready to be brought to the board for

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approval. This contract will be brought back annually for approval due to a rate escalation clause. There will be an increase of 4.5% for the 2020/21 school year, and a 4% increase in the 2021/22 school year. The increase for 2022/23 will be based on the CPI index for all urban consumers of the San Francisco, Oakland-Hayward areas. The annual cost is an estimate based on service needs. Due to distance learning services have been reduced and will not reflect a normal yearly cost. [Link to additional information](#)

Michelle Obama, Chavez and Peres Elementary Schools are bringing forward one contract

- Tutorworks will be providing two programs at each school. The anticipated student count at each school is 30 Students at Michelle Obama, 70 Students at Chavez and 30 Students at Peres Elementary. The CDW (Code Write Draw) program is to build tangible STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) skills. The program focuses on coding, writing, art and ELA or math in a motivational project-based learning environment. The objective of RDF (Read Draw Fun) is to improve foundational reading and math skills using a variety of interactive and differentiated pedagogical approaches. [Link to additional information](#)

Family & Community Engagement - Rubén Aurelio (Martine Blake & team)

The District has submitted its After School Education & Safety (ASES) Renewal application to the California Department of Education (CDE) which will ensure ongoing funding for expanded learning programs at 28 elementary, K-8, and middle school sites for the next three years. The Expanded Learning Office is ramping up for the ASES Universal application and will be applying to bring the grant award level of two of our K-8s, Mira Vista and Montalvin, to the middle school award level.

WCCUSD's Community Engagement department would like to acknowledge the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) for their support of Community Learning Hubs (Learning hubs). The Contra Costa County Office of Education contributed \$285,000 towards Community Learning Hubs hosted by community partners: Bright Futures, YMCA - Richmond Parkway, and Richmond Police Activity League (RPAL).

Learning hubs are in-person learning hubs or "pods" consisting of a number of small classrooms or cohorts of 10-12 students paired with 1-2 adults. Hubs are a Tier 1 intervention (not intended for intensive intervention) and available to all students who meet the criteria (see below). Each hub is located at community locations and hosted by community partners. The purpose of Learning Hubs is to ensure student access to digital learning, provide support with asynchronous assignments, supplement distance learning with in-person enrichment such as arts and crafts, science projects, physical activity, mentorship, etc. Learning hubs are liable for ensuring safe conditions for our students in accordance with state guidelines, including daily temperature checks and health/exposure surveys prior to student entry into the building, face masks required by staff and students at all times, frequent sanitation of common areas after use by each cohort, etc. Site Administrators prioritize students for the Learning Hub who have demonstrated that they are unable to successfully participate in distance learning from home according to the following criteria:

1. Experience unstable housing or are homeless,

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2. Demonstrate Low attendance & engagement
3. Have a history of truancy
4. Have low GPA or low academic progress
5. Admin or site referred based on other needs not listed here (qual informed based on student circumstances)

CCCOE's generous support of Learning hubs funded the operations of the YMCA and Bright Future Hub through January and the RPAL hub for the duration of the year. Recently, the Irene S. Scully Fund granted \$45,000 to the YMCA Learning Hub to serve an additional 14 Montalvin students for the duration of the school year. WCCUSD is profoundly grateful for the community's support of this critical resource and we look forward to the opportunity to serve more students in person through Community Learning Hubs.

Board Study Session Follow-up - Communications, Bobby Jordan (Raechelle Forrest)

Wednesday's Board Study Session on COVID-19 and Schools was attended virtually by just over 800 people at its peak. We had just over 500 attendees via ZOOM, just over 200 (live viewers) on Facebook Live (@westcontracostaschools), and just under 150 viewers on WCCUSD's Spanish Twitter account @wccusdenespanol.

In addition, there are more than 790 comments on the Facebook live video. We gathered the comments from Wednesday and placed them in [this Google Doc](#). Additional comments have been added since Wednesday's session. All the comments can be viewed on the District's Facebook page. If you do not currently like or follow the page, you can find it by searching West Contra Costa Schools and Facebook in your internet browser or search West Contra Costa Schools on Facebook. The study session is also available on the District's YouTube channel West Contra Costa USD, and on the District's web page www.wccusd.net ([Highlights section](#) and on the [Board of Trustees page](#) under Audio & Visual Recording: January 20, 2021: Study Session COVID-19 and Schools).