

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

**Friday Memo**  
**March 5, 2021**

**Upcoming Events – Matthew Duffy**

- March 5: Budget Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM
- March 8: Citizens Bond Oversight Committee Meeting: 2:00 PM
- March 8: Academic Committee Meeting: 4:00 PM
- March 9: DLCAP Meeting, 6:30 PM
- March 10: Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 PM
- March 11: Virtual School information, 6:00 PM
- March 12: Board of Education Closed Session, 8:00 AM
- March 12: Facilities Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM
- March 12: CAC Meeting, 5:00 PM
- March 13: Board of Education Closed Session, 8:00 AM
- March 15: Charter Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM
- March 16: Agenda Setting, 4:00 PM
- March 19: Budget Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM

**Next Week’s Board Meeting March 10 - Matthew Duffy**

Closed Session will begin at 4:00 PM.

**Audit Update- (Tony Wold & Luis Freese) Margarita Romo**

Currently, the District is engaging in three audits with a statutory submittal date of March 31st: District-Wide Financial Audit, Bond Financial Audit, and Bond Performance Audit. This year, the audits have taken longer than expected. Currently, staff anticipates presenting all three audits to the Board collectively at the same meeting in April. Before submitting the audits to the Board, staff will present the draft audits to the respective Board Committees and the CBOC (bond audits).

**English Learner Achievement & Literacy - Rubén Aurelio (Christi Roscigno & team)**

**ELPAC Testing Update- Rubén Aurelio (Christi Roscigno & team)**

Summative ELPAC Total	Summative ELPAC Done	Summative ELPAC To Do	%Summative ELPAC Done
8426	914	7512	11%
Initial ELPAC Total	Initial ELPAC Done	Initial ELPAC To Do	%Initial ELPAC Done
1026	801	225	78%

Due to various reasons (Covid, losing testers, new technology testing, and trying to connect with students to give the test) it is more difficult than usual to administer this assessment, and we are working with human resources to get more secure additional testers.

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**Book Clubs for English Language Learners - Rubén Aurelio (Christi Roscigno & team)**

Currently, 60 of our 3rd through 6th grade English Language Learners are receiving extra support with reading and oral language development through participation in book clubs, led by certificated WCCUSD teachers. Teachers are using a variety of instructional resources, including books that were sent directly to students' homes. More students will be able to participate in this intervention when the next five-week session begins on April 13, 2021.

**African American/Black Centered Text Working Group- Rubén Aurelio (Christi Roscigno & team)**

In February, a group of teachers and parents came together to begin the work of selecting alternative read-aloud and mentor texts to be used with Teachers College Units of Study. The goal is to select books that center on African American or Black protagonists, written by Black authors, that can bring positive and varied images and experiences into WCCUSD TK-6 classrooms in order to affirm our Black students and educate non-Black students. The work will continue on a monthly basis through the end of the school year.

**Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment - Rubén Aurelio (Gabriel Chilcott & team)**

**Math Team (Mark Lobaco & Team):**

Current district-approved math curricula for TK-Algebra II

Grade/Course	Title	Publisher	Pub Yr	Adopted	Expires
Math TK - 5	My Math	McGraw Hill	2013	4/13/2016	Sept 2024
Math 6-8	Big Ideas	Larsen	2015	6/14/2017	June 2025
Algebra 1	Algebra 1	Pearson	2015	6/14/2017	June 2025
Geometry	Envision Geometry	Pearson	2015	6/13/18	June 2026
Algebra 2	Envision Algebra 2	Pearson	2015	6/13/2018	June 2026

Through district curricular flexibility options, sites have opted to use different high-quality math curricula: EngageNY (through Eureka Math K-8 and Zearn Math K-5), Illustrative Mathematics (through Kendall Hunt K-6 and OpenUp/Desmos/LearnZillion 6-8). Most sites using these curricula are being supported by the Chamberlin Foundation, which has hired Instruction Partners, an instructional support non-profit organization. Instruction Partners holds professional development sessions for both site administrators and teachers throughout the school year.