

West Contra Costa Unified School District
Office of the Superintendent

Friday Memo
May 6, 2022

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

April 20 - May 13, 2022: WCCUSD 55th Annual Student Art Showcase

May 9: Strategic Planning Meeting, Kennedy High School from 5:30-7:30pm

May 9: CBOC Meeting, 6:00pm, Virtual and In-person at 1400 Marina Way So. Richmond, Ca 94804

May 10: Strategic Planning Meeting, Hercules High & Middle School from 5:30-7:30pm

May 11: Strategic Planning Meeting, Richmond High School from 5:30-7:30pm

May 12: Strategic Planning Meeting, Virtual, 5:30-7:30pm

Next Board of Education Meeting May 18, 2022– Kenneth Chris Hurst Sr., Ed.D

Closed Session will begin at 4:30pm

Family & Community Engagement - LaResha Martin (Martine Blake & team)

Tashaka Merriweather, All Student Congress - Students Right Centers - Youth Voice Allies

Thanks to the hard work of the Student Board Trustees, The All Student Congress (ASC) is back up and running. The All Student Congress is a group of representatives from all middle and high schools in WCCUSD. To build out the new infrastructure and gather as much student input as possible, the ASC has committed to meeting weekly through the end of the school year. Current Members from the ASC will be eligible to be candidates to run for the next Student Trustee Board Seats for the 2022-23 School Year. This year's ASC will be supporting the formulation of the Student Trustee Board reports as well as gathering critical student feedback to support the District's Strategic Planning process. Lastly, ASC members will be charged with creating a mini version of the ASC at secondary school sites. The site version will operate under the name of "Student Rights Center" and/or "Site Based Leadership Team." The site level work will be supported by passionate adults identified as a "Student Voice Ally" (Previously named Youth Voice Advocates). We hope to continue to strengthen Student Voice infrastructures to increase agency, voice and choice for students across WCCUSD.

Communications Update - Ryan Phillips

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

[West County Mandarin earns California Department of Education award | Richmond Standard](#)

The California Department of Education has selected Richmond's [West County Mandarin School](#) in the West Contra Costa Unified School District as a 2022 California Pivotal Practice (CAPP) Award Program winner. The program honors schools and districts that employed an innovative practice during the 2020–21 school year, when schools throughout the state pivoted to distance learning amid the pandemic.

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Tuesday, May 3, 2022

[Kennedy High teacher honored as Junior Achievement Educator of Year | Richmond Standard](#)

Mitzi Perez, a Digital Arts teacher at Kennedy High School in Richmond, was honored as a Junior Achievement of Northern California 2022 Educator of the Year at the organization's Business Hall of Fame luncheon April 29 at San Francisco's Exploratorium.

Perez joined six fellow educators as honorees at the luncheon, which is an annual fundraising event "to honor outstanding volunteer and education partners within Northern California who have demonstrated a passion for Junior Achievement and our mission," per the organization via West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Chris Hurst's April 29 Community Message.

Monday, May 2, 2022

[WCCUSD student art exhibition at Richmond Art Center through May 14](#)

Want to check out the artwork of emerging West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) students? You still have time to do so at the "WCCUSD 56th Annual Student Art Show" on display at the Richmond Art Center (RAC) now through Sat., May 14.

The exhibition is showcasing the work of more than 300 students originating from 12 schools throughout the district, including: Betty Reid Soskin Middle School, De Anza High School, El Cerrito High School, Fred T. Korematsu Middle School, Helms Middle School, Hercules High School, Hercules Middle School, John F. Kennedy High School, Mira Vista School, Pinole Middle School, Pinole Valley High School and Richmond High School.