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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Carl Toliver, Superintendent
RE: For Your Information

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

College Application Season is in Full Swing

High school counselors are helping seniors with their UC and CSU college admissions applications, including registering for college admissions exams. Applications are due by November 30. Several high schools have held senior nights and many are holding workshops to help students complete the applications and the “personal statement” essay. In addition, applications to private colleges and universities often require letters of recommendation and counselors are helping seniors meet this requirement.

Important Dates to remember:

- Most colleges require seniors to take college admissions tests by December.
- November 8 is the registration deadline for the SAT test on December 3.
- November 4 is the deadline for registration for the ACT test on December 10.

Contact Jennifer Robles (933-7130)

National Hispanic College Fair

The University of the Pacific is hosting the *National Hispanic College Fair* on Friday, December 9. SUSD Juniors and undecided Seniors have been invited to this event to learn more about college choices and options. The district will be providing buses to transport our students for this event. Students who would like to participate need to sign up with their School Counselor. This is a wonderful opportunity and we are grateful for these resources brought to our students. For more information on this event, the website is www.ccnhcfcollegefairs.com.

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

Stockton Unified Students Lead Red Ribbon Week Activities in the Community

On Saturday, October 22 more than 100 students from our SUSD’s *Students in Prevention Program* and *Friday Night Live* chapters worked at the health fair and Red Ribbon Celebration kickoff event at the Sherwood Mall. Students gave presentations on the dangers of drug use, performed and provided entertainment, staffed informational booths, and staged a “flash mob” with more than a 100 students dropping to the floor when the Franklin High Students in Prevention program spokesperson announced the percentages of smokers who die from smoking related diseases each year. Other

community activities led by students included two movie nights and a bowling night. Thank you to these outstanding young people for making a difference and fighting against drug abuse in our community! Many thanks also to all our SUSD staff who put their time and energy into Red Ribbon Activities at school!

Contact John New/Jennifer Robles (933-7130)

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Office on Women's Health Recognition

SUSD has successfully completed its objectives for the *Preventing Violence Against Women* award granted in 2010 from the Federal Office on Women's Health. The grant provided information and education on preventing dating relationship violence. SUSD thanks the Women's Center of San Joaquin County for their partnership on this project.

Contact Deanna Staggs (444-8318)

CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE DEPARTMENT

Families in Transition

Social worker, Sherley Pabustan, recently attended a workshop with the CDE liaison for Foster and Homeless Youth on writing for the new cycle of McKinney-Vento funding for homeless and unaccompanied youth. One of the strategies encouraged by the CDE is collaboration with community agencies. Sherley and her predecessor, Ruth Moua, have established partnerships with many local agencies, such as Fatherhood Matters, Family Resource and Referral, Catholic Charities and the County public health clinics. This week, Sherley met with El Concilio and other local agencies at the invitation of Board member Angel Jimenez.

School site staffs are regularly trained in recognizing the signs of homelessness and in the procedures and processes to link homeless families to services. Students who qualify under McKinney-Vento as homeless or unaccompanied must be immediately enrolled in school. There should be no barriers to enrollment.

Contact Dee Alimbini (933-7020)

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Language Development Office would like to welcome two new members to our staff. Zua Her, Compliance Officer and Shanna Laney, High School Specialist. We would also like to thank the staff and administration at Henry School for allowing us to assist them in becoming a model school for our EL students. We are working in partnership with Henry Elementary to implement a 30, 60 and 90 day plan, where we will be addressing placement, compliance, and ELD instruction. We at the Language Development Department are looking forward to this venture.

Contact Nancy Zoepfl (933-7075)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Stockton Unified School District Police Department was invited to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department to become a partner in the Sacramento High Tech Crimes Taskforce and the Sacramento Internet Crimes Against Children

Taskforce. There is no cost to SUSD officers to receive training and materials. SUSD PD received an invitation to join because of an ongoing and extensive investigation into online child exploitation initiated by Officer Brett Grawet to protect one of our students. The suspect in that case may be tied to many other cases across the country. Good job Officer Grawet!

Contact: Chief Jim West (933-7085)

PARENT AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

The joint forces of Curriculum and Instruction, State and Federal Programs, Elementary Education, and Parent and Community Empowerment are bringing Science Blast 2011 and Reaching for the Stars/STEM Foundation Community Day to SUSD students and families.

Science Blast 2011

This program brings scientists and engineers from throughout the United States to the Stockton area to work with 5th graders. The consortium provides hands-on activities to enhance learning in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math. The event will be held on November 4, 2011 at San Joaquin Delta College from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm for 13 elementary school sites in the district. Fifth grade teachers, college mentors, high school students, and volunteers have been trained over the last several months to engage 700 5th graders in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities.

Community Day Hosted by Reaching for the Stars/STEM Foundation

To further promote awareness and education, the Reaching for the Stars/STEM Foundation is also hosting their "Community Day" public event on November 5, 2011 at University of Pacific, Spanos Center from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Fun, hands-on activities for elementary/middle school students and their parents are the focus of this event.

Contact Janet Rivera (933-7470 ext. 2227)

STOCKTON HIGH SCHOOL

Stockton High School students are off to a very busy first semester. Students are currently participating in various classroom Red Ribbon activities (essay contests, poster contests, etc.) A group of students attended this year's LULAC conference held at San Joaquin Delta College on October 21, 2011. They were very excited to be a part of this conference and enjoyed all the information they received.

Several Stockton High students have been attending Science Camp through Camp Campbell in San Jose. The students really enjoy the experience and opportunity to work with a variety of students. They are looking forward to serving as cabin leaders to our own SUSD students in February and April.

Stockton High School has several students who are one course away from completing their high school graduation requirements in the 2011-2012 school year. There are many more students who are only a few courses away from completing their requirements as well.

Stockton High School partners with One.TLC school to provide community service and early childhood experience for their students. One.TLC is a San Joaquin County operated school for homeless children grades K-6. Currently, there is a waiting list of students who are interested in

participating and helping the younger children who are housed on the campus. Both Stockton High School and One.TLC students benefit from this collaboration.

Contact: Maryann Santella (933-7365)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 1-3 (Tues-Thur) Kohl Open House**
Kohl Open School, 4115 North Crown Ave., 10-12:30 p.m.
- 4 (Friday) Science Blast 2011**
San Joaquin Delta College, 5151 Pacific Avenue, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.
- 5 (Saturday) Math Olympiad Tournaments (5/6 Grade)**
San Joaquin County Office of Education, Burwood Auditorium,
Wentworth Center, 2707 Transworld Drive
- 8 (Tuesday) Governing Board Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 (Wednesday) District Advisory Committee Meeting**
Professional Dev Cntr, 1503 St. Mark's Plaza, C-1 or A-2, 6-8 p.m.
- 17 (Thursday) Dinner with a Scientist**
San Joaquin County Office of Education, Burwood Auditorium,
Wentworth Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 19 (Saturday) Academic Decathlon Scrimmage**
Wentworth Center, 2707 Transworld Drive
- 19 (Saturday) Conference/Health Fair**
King School, 2640 East Lafayette, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 13 (Tuesday) Governing Board Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 (Wednesday) District Advisory Committee Meeting**
Professional Dev. Center, 1503 St. Mark's Plaza, C-1 or A-2, 6-8 p.m.