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

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Preparing Seniors for College Readiness

High School Counseling Departments are working with seniors in preparation of the upcoming college application season. Counselors have developed senior checklists with important dates for admissions tests and applications; in addition to financial aid and scholarship applications. All seniors will review the college application process with counselors in classroom presentations. After the large group presentation, counselors will meet in small groups or individually with students to assist in the application process for college, as well as completing the Senior Conference review of progress toward graduation requirements. High School Counselors are also working on outreach to parents and students to include the posting of college admission information, links on school websites and using web based strategies like e-mail and Facebook to keep students up to date on these important requirements and deadlines.

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

College Awareness for 7th and 8th graders

Our K-8 Counselors are working with 7th and 8th graders on preparing for high school success and learning about college opportunities. Counselors are presenting at Back to School Nights, parent information meetings, and in class presentations.

Contact John New/Jennifer Robles (933-7130)

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Violence Prevention Grant Awarded to SUSD Partner

Point Break Adolescent Resources has partnered with SUSD for the past decade to bring a variety of positive interventions and programs to elementary and high school campuses. Point Break was recently awarded a \$46,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente to provide violence prevention workshops and one-to-one counseling at Chavez, Edison, Franklin, and Stagg High Schools. The workshops will target Freshmen and the individual counseling will target all grade levels. This is the third year that Kaiser has funded the Point Break program at SUSD. We are very appreciative for Point Break Adolescent Resources and the services they provide to our students!

Contact Deanna Staggs (444-8318)

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

Tiger Pride

The University of the Pacific's Department of Sport Sciences will partner once again with El Dorado's After School Program. Pacific students in the Sports Sciences program will practice teaching physical fitness and work with the after school staff in leading activities. Innovative technology to assess the teaching behaviors of Pacific's sport pedagogy students will be used to compare student movement in El Dorado's program to student movement in other after school programs. We hope to expand the program to other sites if possible in the spring.

Contact Janet Yarbrough (933-7130)

CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE DEPARTMENT

Attendance Update

The cumulative attendance rate for 2011-12 is 0.93% higher than for the same period of time in 2010-11. We are just in our fourth week of instruction and are already demonstrating improved attendance throughout the District.

The Administrative Attendance Task Force met Friday afternoon. We discussed the recently released dropout rates and the importance of good attendance in grades K-3 in preventing the future likelihood of becoming a dropout.

Operation Start Strong!

Through home visits by the CWA staff, we are continuing to locate students who have not enrolled in school to date. Every day the staff travels throughout the District visiting homes to look for our no-shows. If there is no one at home, then the CWA staff will interview neighbors for additional information. In addition, telephone calls are made to all emergency contacts from prior years in an effort to find the student's current location. To date, more than 2,000 students have been added to our rosters since the first day of school.

Contact Dee Alimbini (933-7020)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION/SCHOOL READINESS DEPARTMENT

Read to Me, Stockton! Kick Off

Fillmore Elementary will be hosting the *Read to Me, Stockton! Kick Off* on August 25 at 10:00 am. *Read to Me, Stockton!* is a project of the Mayor's Book Club that has partnered with various agencies to increase home-based literacy of students ages 0-5 in identified zip codes. The collaborative partners that bring the Imagination Library to the homes of children in the 95205 area consist of Stockton Unified School District, Rotary, United Way, Office of Education, Stockton San Joaquin Public Library, University of the Pacific, City of Stockton and the Bring Me a Book Foundation. It will be through the Imagination Library that children will receive a book a month delivered to their home and parents will be inspired to read to their children. Parents with children ages 0-5 will receive a free book at the Kick Off, sign up for the program and learn the importance of reading on a regular basis to children during the first 5 years of their lives. We are excited to be a partner of this important initiative of the Mayor's Book Club!

Contact Debra Keller (933-7380)

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Cesar Chavez High School (CCHS)

CCHS held a fantastic Back to School event last week. Over 600 parents participated and were given the opportunity to learn about CCHS Small Learning Communities (SLCs) and career pathways (for more information, please go to this link: <http://cchs-susd-ca.schoolloop.com/slcs>). Parents then had an opportunity to visit with their children's teachers and tour the campus.

Our Freshman Academy held presentations this week with our SLCs so that our students would be able to learn more about our Academic Pathways, meet the teachers in each of the SLCs and learn from students about the SLC pathways.

Our Health Small Learning community was selected to be a part of the National Academy Foundation (NAF). This national organization is recognized across the county as a leader in preparing students for college and career via academic pathways, Job Shadowing and Internships. Our Health SLC joins our Communication Technology SLC as member of the NAF organization.

Contact: William Nelson (933-7480)

STATE & FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Parent/Community Empowerment

Planning is underway for the next Reaching for the Stars/Science Blast Conference at Delta Community College on November 4, 2011 for 500 SUSD fifth grade students. Applications will go out to school sites within the next week on a first-, first-serve basis.

Contact: Janet Ann Rivera (933-7470 ext 2227)

TRANSPORTATION

Pupil/Passenger Management

Pupil/Passenger Behavior Management on a school bus presents bus drivers with a unique safety challenge. Behavior management is especially tricky when driving a large bus of up to 91 passengers, all while trying to concentrate on safely maneuvering a very large commercial vehicle, dealing with unsafe motorists, pedestrians, traffic signals, regulatory signs, constant mirror use, two-way/dispatch radio traffic, and countless other unavoidable distractions. The driver must accomplish all of this with his/her back to the student group the entire time. The Transportation Department is continuously providing drivers training to equip them with preventative behavior management strategies. Drivers should be assertive, yet never hostile, and very clear with students regarding behavior expectations. As a community, parents, school site administrators, and classroom teachers can all play a role in educating our bus riding students on proper bus behavior. These rules should be particularly stressed before a field trip. Below are some simple guidelines students should be routinely reminded of:

Behavior on the bus

- *Follow the Driver's instructions.*
- *When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Back to the seat facing forward. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed.*
- *Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.*
- *Keep aisles clear -- books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.*

- *Always be respectful and courteous to others. Keep hands, arms, and feet to yourself.*
- *Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.*
- *At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat. Then, walk to the front door and exit, using the hand rail.*

Check out our website <http://www.stockton.k12.ca.us/SUSD/parents/buschedules.htm> for more helpful bus safety tips.

(Contact) Carlos Chicas 933-7145

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011-2012

AUGUST

22 (Monday) **Stockton Unified School District 1852 Foundation Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 4:00 p.m.

23 (Tuesday) **Governing Board Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.

24 (Wednesday) **Governing Board Training - Special Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 9:00 a.m.

27 (Saturday) **Community Open House for Edison High School Stadium**
Edison Stadium, Turnpike & Charter Way, 5-8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER **2-4 (Fri—Sun)**

30th Annual Stockton Labor Day Pow Wow

5 (Monday) **Stockton Black Family Day**
Stockton Civic Auditorium, corner of Oak and Center St., 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

13 (Tuesday) **Governing Board Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.

16 (Friday) **Edison's First Football Game & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**
Edison Stadium, Turnpike & Charter Way, 6:15 p.m.

21 (Wednesday) **District Advisory Committee Meeting**
Professional Dev Cntr, 1503 St. Mark's Plaza, C-1 or A-2, 6-8 p.m.

24 (Saturday) **Literacy & Family Day at the Park**
University Park, California & Magnolia St., 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

27 (Tuesday) **Governing Board Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.