



WEEKLY REPORT

TO THE

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Stockton Unified School District

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

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Assembly Budget Committee Approves SB 81

On Tuesday, January 31, the Assembly Budget Committee approved Senate Bill 81 (Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee) on a bipartisan vote to restore \$248 million to home-to-school transportation and instead increase the deficit factor in 2011-12 on all local education agencies (LEAs). Although charter schools were the only organizations to testify in opposition to the bill, approval was not without controversy. There was a clear recognition by members of the committee that the current home-to-school transportation funding formula is not equitable. Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Education Finance Chair Susan Bonilla pledged to address the problems with the current formula in upcoming subcommittee meetings.

SB 81 is a budget trailer bill. As such it requires a majority vote for passage and will go into effect immediately *only* if it passes both houses of the Legislature and is then signed into law. Michael Cohen, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Finance, testified that the department is okay with the bill as presented since it preserves the current year savings.

January Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Judy Elizarraraz, Transportation's Employee of the Month for January. Judy is an extremely hard worker and has proven to be a very positive influence among her fellow coworkers. She strives to maintain a good attitude and is very appreciative of the role she plays within our school system. She is a dependable and honest employee. Judy makes a sincere effort to be at work and complete her tasks on time. She values her students and does everything she can to ensure their safety. Her Supervisors appreciate her positive demeanor and outlook.

Contact Carlos Chicas (933-7145)

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Site Visitation Plan

The Language Development Office has come up with a plan to visit every single school site within the next two months. We will be visiting all ELD classrooms, checking student cum records, verifying that all students who qualify have been reclassified, ensure that all students have been CELDT tested and finally we will be checking on ELAC meetings. We are looking forward to visiting with all sites. The Language Development Office is here to offer support for parents, teachers, and administrators to ensure the academic success of English Learners in our district.

Contact Nancy Zoepfl (933-7075)

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Free Children's Dental Clinic

The San Joaquin Dental Society is sponsoring the *Give Kids a Smile Dental Clinic* on Saturday February 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Clinic held in conjunction with the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry will be held at University of the Pacific's dental clinic in the Chan Family Health Sciences Learning Center at 757 Brookside Road. All children up to age 17, especially those without insurance, are invited for free checkups and dental treatments on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Contact San Joaquin Dental Society (951-1311)

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Parenting Partners Graduation

Congratulations to Hazelton Elementary! On Thursday, February 2, the school's *Parenting Partners Program* held a graduation ceremony. A total of 21 parents completed the course, bringing the total number of parents who have completed the program to 31. As a result of continued recruiting efforts, a new group of parents are ready to start this month. Many thanks should be given to Principal Kathryn Byers and Assistant Principal Mary Rios for supporting this effort, and to Ms. Yolanda Arroyo for recruiting parents and coordinating the program.

Contact Dr. Sylvia Ulmer (933-7040)

Word of Mouth Gets Hazelton Students Scholarships to Attend Science Camp

Hazelton School has been fundraising in order to send their 5th grade students to science camp. Special thanks to the staff members who took the cause above and beyond, as they spoke with a local city merchant who stepped forward to provide funding in order to send ten (10) students to Science Camp. This generous contribution has provided a great opportunity to students, especially during difficult economic times. Congratulations to Hazelton staff for its dedication and hard work!

Contact Dr. Sylvia Ulmer (933-7040)

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Financial Aid Forms For College and Vocational Education Bound Seniors are Due by March 2, 2012

- More than 1500 students attended the Up with Education College Awareness and Financial Aid Fair at the University of the Pacific on Sunday, January 29. Students and parents participated in workshops that helped prepare them to address financial aid concerns for college while some seniors were given assistance with the FAFSA online application. Many SUSD students won raffle prizes and two Franklin students went home with brand new Laptops. We thank the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the University of the Pacific for the hard work and preparation for this event!
- **The African American College Awareness and Financial Aid Symposium at the University of the Pacific** on Saturday, February 4 from 8:30 – 3:00. Raffle prizes, includes a laptop computer for students and parents who pre-register at <http://go.pacific.edu/FinancialAidSymposium> .
- **Cash for College Nights with Delta College** Financial Aid Officers on February 7 at Chavez from 4:00 – 7:00. Information at www.cash4college.org.

Contact Jennifer Robles (933-7130)

Anti-Violence Symposium on January 31

On Tuesday, January 31, more than 75 students from Hazelton, Edison and Jane Frederick high schools participated with students from other districts in San Joaquin County at the Anti-Violence Symposium. Participating students were able to identify critical issues facing our youth and brainstorming what actions and roles they as students can take in addressing the identified concerns. Students challenged each other to lead by example, have courage to stand up for what is right, and be less concerned about what peers will think. They also brought back the concept of bringing more positive energy to their schools and interactions with peers. The event culminated with student poetry, raps, and artwork.

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

High School Counselors Wrapping Up Pre-Registration This Week

During the month of January, high school counselors have been meeting with students to provide guidance in planning their coursework for the 2012-13 year. After meeting with students in grades 8 through 11, counselors tabulate the course requests to assist with planning the course offerings for the upcoming school year. This information is vital for planning the master schedule and school staffing. It is a collaborative effort with teachers providing classroom time and support. Thank you to our counselors for their leadership and exhaustive efforts to provide excellent guidance for our students in course selection and data for planning for our schools.

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

FACILITIES & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Energy Contract Approved

On January 10, 2012, the Board of Education approved a contract with Energy Education, Inc. to assist the District in implementing the District's Energy Policy adopted in July 2010. This policy makes reference to Energy Champions who would travel throughout the District to educate our staff and students about energy conservation measures with hopes to gradually change our behavior on energy conservation measures within the district. Ultimately, this approach is expected to save the District 20%-30% off our current utility bills.

Subsequently, On January 24, 2012, the Board approved the job descriptions for two (2) Energy Education Specialists. These positions are currently posted on Edjoin and will close on February 10.

Interested applicants for these positions are invited to attend a Job Information Session scheduled for February 7, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the District's Professional Development Center (PDC).

Contact Steve L. Breakfield (933-7045) or Brenda Blythe (933-7065)

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Visits Walton Special Center

On January 25, 2012, a film crew consisting of a producer, reporter and cameraman from PBS (PBS News Hour) spent the morning at Walton Special Center to film UOP Music Therapy students working with our students. They filmed a group of six medically fragile students in two classrooms. PBS is doing a report on the utilization of Music Therapy in Congressman Gabby Gifford's miraculous recovery. Pacific has one of the only university level Music Therapy programs on the west coast. Dr. Feilin Hsiao is the Music Therapy Professor who has been working collaboratively with Walton, and many of our other schools, offering music therapy opportunities for our students as well as practicum and internship opportunities for their students for the past 4 years. We have seen great benefit from their work with our students and are happy to see this program highlighted in such a prestigious manner.

Contact Kelly Dextraze (933-7120)

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

District Leadership Academy

On January 30 and 31, the Education Services Team and Action Learning Systems presented a Leadership Academy to approximately 150 principals and teachers. The seminar topics focused on The Blueprint for Student Achievement and Direct Interactive Instruction (DII). Each day started by reviewing the essential elements of the Blueprint: Focus, Alignment, Expectations, and Opportunities and an analysis of district achievement results tied to English/Language Arts, Math, English Learner, and Secondary programs. These results were also analyzed in light of a June 2011 DAIT report from the San Joaquin County Office of Education. Once complete, the focus of the Academy shifted to emphasize the importance of effective Direct Interactive Instruction. Principals and Teachers were lead through the four components of DII in which members of the Education Services Team presented side by side with their ALS counterparts. The topics included: Standards and Measureable Objectives,

Lesson Structure and Sequence, Student Engagement, Check for Understanding, and Correctives, and Proactive Classroom Management. The final component of the Academy returned back to the Blueprint for Student Achievement. Each school was asked to present the Blueprint to their school staff. Principals and teachers were provided the opportunity to work on a script that will help communicate the purpose of The Blueprint. Both days were a success and “ticket out the door” (program evaluation) information has been compiled in the effort to continue to serve our principals and teachers professional development in support of excellent delivery of our Core Curriculum, Direct Interactive Instruction, and English Learner Strategies.

Contact Dr. Kirk Nicholas (933-7030)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

**February 2—
April 1, 2012**

McKee Art Exhibit
Haggin Museum, Victory Park, 1201 North Pershing Avenue

4 (Saturday)

District Science Fair (Display)
The Mall, 4950 Pacific Avenue, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

11 (Saturday)

11th Annual Winter Benefit Powwow
Edison High School, 1425 S. Center St., 12—10 p.m.

14 (Tuesday)

Governing Board Meeting
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6 p.m.

15 (Wednesday)

District Advisory Committee Meeting
Professional Dev Cntr, 1503 St. Mark’s Plaza, C-1 or A-2, 6-8 p.m.

18 (Saturday)

Chavez Crab Feed
Stockton Ballroom, 9650 Thornton Rd., 5:30 p.m.

28 (Tuesday)

Governing Board Meeting
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.

MARCH

**February 2—
April 1, 2012**

McKee Art Exhibit
Haggin Museum, Victory Park, 1201 North Pershing Avenue

1-2 (Thur & Fri)

Steppin’ Out Concerts
Atherton Auditorium, 5151 Pacific Avenue, 10:15 & 11:45 a.m.

MARCH (continued)

- 3 (Saturday) Middle School Honors Concert**
San Joaquin Delta College Atherton Auditorium, 5151 Pacific Ave.,
7 p.m.
- 4 (Sunday) Pacific Family Health Fair**
St. Luke's Catholic Church, 3847 N. Sutter Street, 10 am – 2 pm
- 7 (Wednesday) Annual Visual and Performing Arts Showcase**
Stockton Arena, 248 W Fremont St., 5 p.m.
- 10 (Saturday) Science Olympiad Division B/C (grades 6-9 and 9-12)**
University of the Pacific, 3601 Pacific Avenue
- 13 (Tuesday) Governing Board Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6 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.
- 21 (Wednesday) Rotary Read In**
- 27 (Tuesday) Governing Board Meeting**
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6 p.m.
- 31 (Saturday) Science Olympiad Division A2 (grades 3-6)**
McNair High School, 9550 Ronald E. McNair Way