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

**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**Financial Aid and Scholarships Update**

- Stockton Unified has several local donors who provide scholarships which are listed in the scholarship catalog. The SUSD Scholarship catalog is being published this week. SUSD students can access the scholarship application on the SUSD website. This application is due to the school counselor by January 31, 2012.
- The Financial Aid Application FAFSA is due for all college bound seniors by March 2, 2012. There are many events coming up to help students and families complete the FAFSA.
- Cash for College Nights with Delta College Financial Aid Officers on January 18 at Franklin from 3:00-6:00, on January 25 at Edison from 3:30 – 6:30, and on February 7 at Chavez from 4:00 – 7:00. Information at [www.cash4college.org](http://www.cash4college.org) .
- The Up with Education College Awareness and Financial Aid Fair at the University of the Pacific on Sunday, January 29 from 9:00 – 12:00 noon. Raffle prizes, including a laptop computer for students and parents who pre-register at [www.icangotocollege.org](http://www.icangotocollege.org) .
- 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, including a laptop computer for students and parents who pre-register at <http://go.pacific.edu/FinancialAidSymposium> .

Contact Jennifer Robles (933-7130)

**Stockton Symphony Sponsors Essay Contest and Concert on theme of Conflict Resolution**

The Stockton Symphony is welcoming Avner Dorman with a celebration of an Israeli children's story on conflict resolution. The celebration includes a children's concert on March 9 and an essay contest for students in grades 3-12. The essay contest guidelines are to write an essay that illustrates the importance of one's choice of words for Conflict Resolution/Bullying Prevention – in school, with family, or in a neighborhood. It can be your own story or inspiration from someone who has made a contribution to the community.

The age level categories are Grades 3-6 with a 250-500 word essay, grades 7-9 with a 400-700 word essay, and grades 10-12 with a 400-1,000 word essay. Essays can be mailed to "writing Contest, Stockton Symphony Association, 1024 W. Robinhood Drive, Suite #1, Stockton, CA 95207" and must be postmarked by February 11, 2012.

Contact John New/Jennifer Robles (933-7130)

### **Parent Nights for Eighth Grade Articulation to High School**

Chavez, Edison, Franklin, Stagg, and the Small Specialized High Schools have each hosted a parent information fair for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students – the incoming class of 2012. These events provided 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families with a look at high school life, including displays of career and educational programs, club, music, and sports presentations. Students also had time to meet with high school counselors to discuss graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, and planning classes for their freshman year. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make this first high school experience wonderful events for the students and families!

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

### **HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

#### **Health Plan of San Joaquin Grant Award**

The Health Plan of San Joaquin has awarded \$22,300 to Delta Health Care, a long-time partner of SUSD and its school-based health centers. The one-year grant will be used to implement health education programs and increase school clinic utilization.

Contact Deanna Staggs (444-8318)

### **CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Attendance Matters!**

In addition to weekly monitoring of attendance percentages, the first “look” at our 2011-12 ADA has been submitted to the state in the form of the P1 attendance report. Measuring the current year P1 against the 2010-11 P2 percentages, we are proud to say that FIFTY schools exceeded their 2010-2011 P2 attendance percentages and eighteen schools have improved attendance by more than 1% from 2010-11 P2. Schools are encouraged to maintain their attendance records on a daily basis and monitor absentees for early intervention in truancy.

Child Welfare and Attendance staff continues their Truancy Mitigation meetings with parents of students who have missed six or more days or the corresponding number of periods without valid reason. More than 700 parents have attended the Mitigation meetings this year. It is the goal of CWA to “mitigate” truancy early in the process by educating parents and students about the importance of attending school every day on time. The combined effort of school sites, CWA and our parents has improved attendance District-wide. Let’s all keep up the good work!

Contact Dee Alimbini (933-7020)

### **SECONDARY EDUCATION**

#### **Pacific Law Academy**

The Pacific Law Academy (PLA) has experienced an exciting school year! From the very first day of school in July 2011, students have been involved, engaged, and coming together as a campus of outstanding students. Although the campus has had a few challenges from a facilities standpoint, our kids have been resilient and have adjusted well. They are excited to see the campus develop and enjoy making it their own!

Some of the highlights from the past semester include: The very first campus culture event of adopting our campus mascot—the **Tigers** and our campus colors—**Black and Orange** was **very successful!** In September all PLA students participated in a school-wide fieldtrip

to the University of the Pacific where students were given a presentation and a tour of the campus. In October, students held a Club Day event which again was a school-wide affair celebrating campus culture and academic achievement. Students had reached 796 on the Academic Performance Index from their previous IBML campus. Also in October, our campus was visited by a WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) visitation committee—they were very impressed with the level of rigor and engagement on our campus. In early December, the entire Calculus class went on a very special fieldtrip to NASA in the Silicon Valley where they met with astronauts and scientists and learned how Calculus is applied in the real world! The final event of the first semester was a school-wide assembly recognizing academic performance!

The second semester of the year brings excitement for our students in the form of Mock Trial season, which begins in February. PLA's very own Mock Trial team will be competing against other schools in the San Joaquin Valley. We are expecting great results! Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students are getting excited to reach a graduation milestone in taking and passing the High School Exit Exam (CaHSEE) in February! All 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students are also gearing up for STAR testing in April...we are anticipating a very positive API score as our benchmark.

SUSD and the University of the Pacific (UOP) are working to complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) giving our Pacific Law Academy 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to get instruction from a UOP professor and earn college credits this school year. We are extremely excited about this opportunity for our students and working with our partner-UOP!

Recruitment has started for the 2012-2013 school year. PLA Student Leadership has visited several K-8 campuses and there is a high level of interest in students attending the Pacific Law Academy next year. We have a very rigorous program which focuses on college preparation. Additionally, we want to give our students the greatest exposure to the college experience as possible. Our goal and mission is to give every student the skills and academic foundation necessary to graduate from high school and then graduate from a college program—ready for a career! Not all of our students will go on to become lawyers; however, they will have the critical thinking skills necessary to make positive decisions in their academic future and career choice.

Our facilities are growing! Construction is scheduled to begin in February for the PLA Administration office and restrooms for our campus! We are very excited and are looking forward to the completion of these two buildings!

Even with all of the wonderful activities and events taking place on our campus, our students are focused and striving to achieve. Many students (grades 9 – 12) are maintaining a 3.0 GPA in their very rigorous academic programs. We are looking forward to a solid finish of our first year as PLA and are looking forward to growing our campus. Our first graduation will occur on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at UOP in the DeRosa Hall Ballroom. Finally, we have had fourteen of our seniors apply to the University of the Pacific for entrance next school year as freshman. We are anxiously waiting for acceptance!

Contact: Carol Sanderson (933-7475)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

- 24 (Tuesday)      **Governing Board Meeting**  
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.
- 28 (Saturday)      **Academic Decathlon (Speech, Interview, Essay)**  
University of the Pacific, 3601 Pacific Avenue

### FEBRUARY

- February 2—  
April 1, 2012      **McKee Art Exhibit**  
Haggin Museum, Victory Park, 1201 North Pershing Avenue
- 3 (Friday)      **District Science Fair (Judging)**  
The Mall, 4950 Pacific Avenue, 5—7 p.m.
- 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.
- 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
- 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.
- 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