

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Report to the Board – November 15, 2018

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of October 18, 2018

CAAASA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

I attended and presented at the CAAASA Leadership Academy held on October 20, 2018 in San Bernardino. The Academy was held in order to aid aspiring superintendents and strengthen newly-hired superintendents with leadership skills/techniques.

FASHION SHOW

I was asked by the American Cancer Society to participate as a model during their 9th Annual Fashion Show at Seascaple Beach Resort on October 28, 2018. The fashion show helps to raise money for cancer research.

PVUSD BREAKFAST

I attended the PVUSD Breakfast on October 26, 2018 at the City of Watsonville Community Room. The purpose of the breakfast was to hear PVUSD Superintendent Dr. Michelle Rodriguez share PVUSD's State of the District Report for 2018-2019.

DANCE AROUND THE WORLD

On October 30, 2018, I was invited to Ohlone Elementary for Dance Around the World with world-renowned dancer Tandy Beal who has worked with the COE and our school districts numerous times over the years. It was a wonderful event to show the students another branch of art.

HALLOWEEN POTLUCK

We held our annual Halloween Potluck here at the COE in the Tech Center on Halloween. Everybody had a really great time showing off their costumes and enjoying great food. A couple of our departments even had some really funny skits that they performed. Congratulations go out to the Business Services Department for their costumes, decorations and skit for Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory – Well Done!

JEFF ALMQUIST

I attended the service for Santa Cruz County Superior Court Judge Jeff Almquist on November 3, 2018. Judge Almquist also served on the County Board of Education representing the San Lorenzo Valley.

SANTA CRUZ HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

I attended the Santa Cruz High School Hall of Fame Ceremony at Santa Cruz High School on November 3, 2018. Eighty athletes and coaches who excelled in their athletic pursuits from 1920 through 1979 were honored including former Deputy Superintendent Bryan Wall who was honored for his excellence as a track and field coach.

TEACHER PATHWAY PROGRAM

I met with Dr. Jose Luis Alvarado, CSUMB Dean of the College of Education on November 5, 2018. We met to discuss a program that CSUMB is partnering with Cabrillo College to offer a teacher pathway program for residents of Santa Cruz County. The plan is for Cabrillo College to offer the first two years of coursework for an Elementary Education Associate of Arts degree and then students will transfer to CSUMB for a liberal studies program and complete their BA degree. Once completed the students will continue on to complete a one-year post baccalaureate teaching credential in Elementary Education.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP

I attended a Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) at the Simpkins Family Swim Center on November 7, 2018. The CCP provides broad-based representation for comprehensive planning, coordination, policy development, resource stewardship, evaluation and communication regarding the local implementation of AB 109 and related initiatives.

The CCP includes an executive committee comprised of the Chief Probation Officer as chair, the District Attorney, Public Defender, the Presiding Superior Court Judge, the Watsonville Chief of Police, the Sheriff, and the head of the Director of the County Health Services Agency. Additional work groups focus on corrections management, community supervision, treatment and intervention services, data analysis and capacity building, public education and engagement, and court processing.

APTOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

I attended the most recent Aptos Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting on November 8, 2018. The keynote speaker was Santa Cruz County Sheriff Jim Hart. Sheriff Hart talked mainly about gun violence and the frequency of mass shootings; especially with the latest incident in Thousand Oaks.

MEETING WITH PCS

I had a very positive meeting with PCS Board President Tom Morell and PCS Principal Simon Fletcher on November 9, 2018 concerning equity for all students who attend PCS. They were very open and thankful for the dialog.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR SYMPOSIUM

I attended the School Counselor Symposium on November 13, 2018 at Twin Lakes Church. For many students aspiring to a higher education, nothing is more intimidating than the college admissions process. While some teens can lean on the experience of college-educated parents or role models, for others, high school counselors serve as their best — if not only — helping hand.

During the symposium, more than 150 school counselors from Santa Cruz County and Monterey County met with administrators and students to discuss how to better those students' needs. The event is designed as an intensive daylong workshop to arm counselors with tools to push past overwhelming caseloads and help students chart a pathway to collegiate success.

Regular Monthly Meetings

Special Education Coordinating Agency Meeting
Meeting Migrant Head Start Videoconference
Criminal Justice Council
CCSESA Executive Board
CCSESA Agenda Committee
Force Manager's Meeting

Agriculture Board
Children's Network
S4C Steering Committee
CCSESA Board of Directors
CCSESA Accountability Task
Adult Education Block Grant