Subject: Superintendent’s Monthly Report to the Board

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of December 19, 2014:

**INSIGHT TO IMPACT**

I met with Maia Zohara from Insight to Impact in partnership with Pajaro Valley Unified School District to review their program which empowers teachers, counselors and youth service providers to identify students of concern at the earliest possible intervention point. The program also guides the development of individual intervention plans addressing the four key indicators for troubled youth: Truancy, Attendance, GPA and Disciplinary Referral.

**CYBER SECURITY PRESS CONFERENCE**

I attended a press conference at the Santa Cruz Downtown Library along with Teresa Landers, Director, Santa Cruz Public Libraries, District Attorney Jeff Rosell and Lt. Bernie Escalante from the Santa Cruz Police Department to promote cyber security for students, parents and educators. The library is promoting a series of workshops in January on this very important topic.

**SAFETY SKILLS PROGRAM**

I spoke with Leonie Sherman who was a former candidate for Santa Cruz City Council to assist her in expanding her Safety Skills program county-wide.

**CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT THROUGH MUSIC**

I spoke with Prince Lawsha who is a multi-faceted musician here in Santa Cruz concerning our interest in collaborating on an International Jazz Day along with French trumpeter Alain Brunet. We also spoke extensively on music programs in our school districts.

**PARTNERING WITH THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ**

I met with the Santa Cruz Mayor Don Lane concerning a possible visit to Santa Cruz by motivational speaker Michael Pritchard. One of Mr. Pritchard’s programs helps grade level 6-12 students explore the critical skills that make up empathy, the importance of compassion, and the moral imperative to help others in need—particularly the victims of bullying. The objectives of this program are for viewers to learn to understand others by identifying their feelings, problems, and points of view; to build the skill of seeing situations and events from multiple perspectives; to develop compassion as a core value; and to recognize empathy and compassion as foundations of moral decision-making.
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP (CCP)

I met with community partners to develop a Request for Proposal and identify four delinquency prevention services or intervention areas to be funded that will advance community recidivism and crime reduction services for juveniles.

UCSC DATA TRUST INITIATIVE

I met with the UCSC Data Trust Initiative in an effort to bring together data from numerous public agencies that serve children and families. The Trust is looking to partner with schools and health and human service agencies to apply advanced analytics to cross-agency data which will facilitate interagency cooperation and collaboration.

REGION 4 LEADERSHIP FORUM

I gave the Welcome Address at the Region 4 Leadership Forum in Oakland. The focus of the conference was on working together to transform public education by learning new strategies and tools to help deepen relationships and purposefully work toward shared goals; especially enhancing partnership between the Region IV and Region V districts.

S4C STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

I attended the S4C Steering Committee Meeting where we discussed the progress on the CPT grant application, the updates and issues concerning the 7th grade summit, planning the 4th grade experience and budget issues.

SUPERINTENDENT’S COUNCIL

I met with the superintendent’s from each of our districts. We discussed our Mid-Year Update, Illuminate, the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) timeline, the Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE) Report, School Attendance Review Boards (SARB) and our Regional Occupational Program (ROP).

MANAGER’S MEETING

I met with COE managers and we discussed the following items: COE highlights of the Governor’s Budget; District’s First Interim Budget Reports; How to motive during times of change; A new paradigm for public education in California; Safe Schools and Emergency Preparedness and reports on Technology, Grants and Marketing.

Regular Monthly Meetings
Special Education Coordinating Agency Meeting
Migrant Head Start Videoconference
Criminal Justice Council
CCSESA Executive Board
CCSESA Agenda Committee
Superintendent’s Council

Agriculture Board Meeting
Children’s Network
S4C Steering Committee
CCSESA Board of Directors
Manager’s Meeting