Subject: Superintendent’s Monthly Report to the Board  
January 20, 2011

The following matters and events have occurred since the report of September 16, 2010:

**Mid-Year Alternative Education Graduations**
Our Alternative Education Programs will be holding three mid-year graduations on January 26th, at 10:00, 1:00, and 4:00 p.m. Approximately 70 students will be graduating. Invitations are included in your packet.

**Children’s Network**
I was re-elected Chair of the Children’s Network for 2011-2012. The feature presentation at the last meeting was the First 5 Santa Cruz County program.

**AB3632 Taskforce**
Meetings are continuing with people from across the county to respond to the loss of funding for mental health services to special needs students.

**Looking at Recovery – Portraits by Mary Alice Copp**
Attended the reception for exhibit, Looking at Recovery. Artist Mary Alice Copp painted portraits of students and staff from our YES School. The exhibit continues until February 13th at the Museum of Art & History in the Octagon Building at 118 Cooper Street.

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**
I met with Bob Lee, District Attorney, and Susan Mauriello, County Administrator, to discuss the re-establishment of a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in early January. The next week, we met with a group of about one dozen law enforcement, judges, and other elected officials to continue the discussion.

**Administrative Credentialing Program**
I met with Marty Krovetz and Noni Reis, representatives of the San Jose State Education Department to discuss future partnerships for educational opportunities for teachers considering advancement in the field of educational administration.

**Outdoor Science Education**
Heather MacDougall, is on medical leave from the Outdoor Science Education program. She is now the proud parent of a baby boy born this past weekend. In the meantime, Amity Sandige will be coordinating the program until Heather’s return.

**Youth Resource Bank - Annual Fundraiser**
The Youth Resource Bank held its annual fundraiser at Kuumba Jazz Center. It was a sold out event that raised significant funds in support of local programs serving at-risk youth and their families.
**Santa Cruz Community Ventures**
I met with Ellen Murtha who has asked me to consider serving on or suggesting others to serve on the Board of Santa Cruz Community Ventures. Community Ventures is a non-profit organization working collaboratively with Santa Cruz Community Credit Union to promote positive social and economic change, encourage community control of local economies, and to advance the empowerment of individuals in their control of their economic well-being. They currently serve some of our alternative education programs with a financial education program.

**Inside Education**
This month’s Inside Education meeting covered charter schools. The cohort visited Pacific Collegiate Charter School and Delta Charter School. The participants were very pleased with the session and felt that it clarified many of the questions they had in regards to how charters fit into public education. They took advantage of being in the proximity of Natural Bridges Green Careers School and visited to observe the cooperative partnership between our Regional Occupational Programs and our Alternative Education Program to teach students about emerging careers in the field of ecology, alternative energy, construction, economics and other related subjects.

**Connection-Schools/Escuelas-Conexiones**
I met with Mitch Barlas who, along with others from Watsonville, are considering a charter school petition for a new charter school located in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. It would be a K-8 with a theme of science and technology.

**All COE Meeting**
An All COE Meeting was held on January 12th. In February, we will be promoting health and wellness with a friendly competition where employees challenge themselves to improve some aspect of their personal routine whether it involves exercise, diet or other health related options. Employee Recognition Awards were handed out to the following:

**HOME RUN AWARD** – Bryan Wall presented the award to Kirk Osborn and Tina Dinsmore for their work on the Football Pool.
**GO THE DISTANCE AWARD** – Brunella Deeds presented the award to Melanie Martin and Pam Crowell for stepping up to help out at a moment’s notice.
**TEAM SUPPORT** – The Payroll Department presented the award to Karen Darocy, Interim Payroll Supervisor, for her outstanding support of the department during the absence of Linda Pappani.
**SAVE THE DAY** – Jean Gardner present Christina Herrera with this award in recognition of her outstanding service when Jean suddenly needed a new child care provider.
**YOU DESERVE A PARADE** – Megan Booth presented this award to her staff including Toni Aldredge, Scott Hill, Sherrill McNulty, and Sue Corso for their continued outstanding work while the department faced a shortage of staff.

**Monthly and Regularly Scheduled Periodic Meetings**
National Steinbeck Board Meeting  Children’s Network
United Way Board  Superintendents Council
TAC 6 Board