Subject: Superintendent’s Monthly Report to the Board  
Date: April 16, 2014  

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of March 20, 2014:

**New ROP Classroom Open House**  
I attended the new ROP Medical Assisting classroom at 399 Encinal. As well as observing students in the classroom, I was able to observe students doing hands-on procedures. Refreshments were served by students of Andrea Mollenauer, of the ROP Culinary Arts Program. The event was very informative and well-attended.

**UCSC.EDU Meeting**  
I met with Rod Ogawa from UCSC and others to discuss data sharing between agencies in Santa Cruz County. A regional education data warehouse which would benefit local school districts with efficiency and cost savings; support for LCFF and Common Core by supporting district accountability for the eight state priority areas; ensuring role-based security and privacy for all student data; provide real-time access to teachers, administrators, parents, and community stakeholders on how students are progressing; aligning the regional warehouse with the state’s longitudinal data system; timely integration across service provider systems in education, health, social service and juvenile justice; trainers can support educators on how to use the warehouse’s dashboards, analyze data and translate their understanding into action; assist in determining the appropriate research methods and design studies to address complex policy issues, to advise on regional development of early warning and college readiness indicator systems and to assess the efficacy of instructional programs, practices and materials.

**CCSESA LCAP Support Task Force**  
I participated in a conference call for the purpose of reviewing and approving the state-wide Local Control and Accountability Plan and Annual Update Template, which will be used to provide details for local educational agencies’ (LEAs) actions and expenditures; the goals and specific actions for county offices of education; and the goals and specific actions for Charter schools.

**SCC Health Services Agency ADP Treatment Services Strategic Planning Project**  
I met with Dr. Christina Borbely, Project Manager of HAS ADP Treatment Services, to help her understand and incorporate input from key community sources and gain a perspective on the issues of substance abuse/substance use disorders in our county. She wanted insight into the needs and factors that contribute to the problem, as well as to acquire ideas for solutions, resources and innovations in addressing substance abuse to helping map out ADP’s strategic goals.

**ArtSmart Performance**  
Tandy Beal & Company presented, Magic Carpet – world dance performance groups from Santa Cruz and the Bay Area, including Folklorico, Balinese, Indian Odissi dance, Argentinian Tango,
African, and Bolivian dance at the Mello Center free of charge for the students of Ann Soldo Elementary School.

**Kindergarten Art Show**
I gave the opening address at the Annual Kindergarten Art Event, which took place in the Technology Center here at the COE. Artwork from students attending Calabasas School were featured. Each student received an award ribbon.

**Child Welfare System Improvement Plan (SIP) Steering Committee Meeting**
I attended this meeting with Supervisor Bruce McPherson chairing the meeting, Lisa Moliner, Consultant and Judy Yokel, FCS Director jointly presented a draft Work Plan for 2014-15 County Self-Assessment, as well, Judy Yokel presented on Child Welfare Context and Outcomes in order to pave the way for the intensive, year-long assessment process.

**Doug Fisher Event**
I attended the presentation by Doug Fisher, Professor of Language and Literacy Education/San Diego State University on “Strategies for the Gradual Release of Responsibility in Classrooms” at the Coconut Grove. The gradual release of a responsibility model of instruction has been documented as an effective approach for improving literacy achievement, reading comprehension, and literacy outcomes for English language learners. The presentation was very well attended.

**Region 5 Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents Meeting**
I attended this meeting at the San Benito COE to discuss CCSESA activities in which Peter Birdsell, CCSESA Executive Director attended, as well as Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Superintendent/Monterey COE and Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Interim Superintendent/Santa Clara COE.
Other topics discussed were Mental Health Programs in Santa Cruz, the After-School/CPIN Program in Monterey and RSDSS & Title II in Santa Clara.

**Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Meeting**
This meeting was held with a Presentation on AB109 (Public Safety Realignment) Implementation and Outcomes. Fernando Giraldo, Chief of Probation, led a Presentation which included a report from the State’s Realignment Allocation Committee and a discussion of its implementation. The law, effective October 1, 2011, mandates that individuals sentenced to non-serious, non-violent offenses will serve their sentences in county jails instead of state prison. Also discussed, was a review of related Criminal Justice Initiatives and various Work Group Reports. A Proposal by Treatment and Intervention Services Work Group for Allocation of Unspent AB109 Treatment Funds was also discussed.

**Dr. Jack McLaughlin, Manager/Public Consulting Group**
I met with Dr. McLaughlin to discuss WestEd’s Online Professional Learning Program: Pepper, an interactive, online membership community that helps teachers successfully navigate the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and assessments. Users gain unlimited access to a series of online courses in Mathematics and English Language (ELA), as well as supplemental materials to enhance their understanding and delivery of CCSS concepts.
**Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Interim Superintendent/Santa Clara COE**
The new Interim Santa Clara County Superintendent visited Santa Cruz to learn more about regional collaboration and the role of CCSESA for new superintendents. She will attend our next quarterly meeting.

**Richard Zeiger/Chief Deputy Superintendent, CDE**
I participated in a telephone conversation with Mr. Zeiger to discuss the new California Collaboration for Education Excellence (CCEE), for the purpose of advising and assisting school districts, county superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan.

**S4C Steering Committee Meeting**
I have been working with the Santa Cruz County College Commitment (S4C) Collaborative to submit a multi-million dollar Career Pathways Trust Grant for the purpose of increasing the number of career pathways from 12 to 33 over the next four years. Pathways are grouped into: Info and Communications Technology, Health/Biotechnology/Education, Engineering/Design/Construction, Business/Marketing, Ag/Natural Resources, Arts/Entertainment, Multipath (small school approach).

**Ed Tech Innovation Cluster Presentation**
I attended a Presentation by Mary Beth Talpas of MakersFactory, with Jim Howes and Mark Hodges/ROP and Jason Borgen/Tical, regarding creating an Ed Tech Innovation Cluster Framework. The purpose is to grow expertise in Science and Ed technology in Santa Cruz County by providing needs assessment, leverage resources, share costs, share knowledge and content to create world class Ed Tech solutions and create a model for school districts to research, test, implement and manage Ed Tech solutions at a lower cost, risk and resource impact.

**Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission**
I presented a brief overview to the Commission on the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and how it will potentially affect our Foster Youth Program, as well as other district and COE programs. The mission of the Commission is to advocate for and protect the safety and well-being of dependent and delinquent youth, as well as to promote intervention and prevention services and programs in Santa Cruz County.

**SCCSBA LCFF/LCAP Presentation**
I presented to local school district Trustees on Local Control Funding (LCFF), including the Local Control and Local Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Common Core. Mary Anne James and Mary Hart were in attendance as well to answer questions. At least one representative from each school district attended. It was well received and those that attended were appreciative of the information. (Handout attached.)

**Leadership 3.0**
I gave the welcome address @ the Leadership 3.0 Symposium, which is a collaborative effort of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), Computer Using Educators, Inc. (CUE), Technology Information Center for Administrative Leadership (TICAL). Keynote speakers were Kecia Ray, Executive Director, Learning Technologies, Metro Nashville Public Schools and Sylvia Martinez, Lead Learner, Author, Construction Modern Knowledge.
PCS Dinner
I was unable to attend; however, Pete Rode emailed me that it was a great event.

Jane Weed-Pomerantz Event
I attended an event at the home of noted author, Jane Weed-Pomerantz with many others attending to discuss, “Positive Discipline” co-authored by Jane Nelsen. Ms. Nelsen attended and gave the keynote address. Positive Discipline is a program based on the work of Alfred Adler and Rudolf Dreikurs and designed to teach young people to become responsible, respectful and resourceful members of their communities. It teaches important social and life skills in a manner that is deeply respectful and encouraging for both children and adults (including parents, teachers, childcare providers, youth workers, and others).

SEAC Board Meeting and Lobby Day
I was named Treasurer of the School Employees Association of California and spent a day in Sacramento speaking with key education legislation staff.

Inside Education
The April Session of Inside Education highlighted Special Education, “High School and Beyond”, with a visit to classrooms of COE teachers Eileen Halvey, Rebecca York and Anne Spoon @ Cabrillo College. Participants returned to the COE for Presentations on overviews of Special Education Programs in Santa Cruz County, a video showing success of Special Education students – produced by students attending Cabrillo College and a short video on the Post-Secondary students from Liz Bullard’s class. Lunch’s Hot Topic Discussion was, “The changing needs of students with Autism from preschool to post-secondary; presented by Dr. Deven Wood and Karen Garretson.

Pajaro Valley High School
I visited Pajaro Valley High School to meet with a teacher who I have been mentoring and is working towards his Doctorate in Education, and his Advisor. I took the opportunity to visit classes, as well.

2014 Educators of the Year
Congratulatory letters were sent to Jennifer Perry (Classified), Instructional Aide, Special Education Program at Scotts Valley Middle School; Rocio Pantoja (Certificated), Kindergarten Teacher at MacQuiddy Elementary School; Sandy Mast (Administrator), Director/Alternative Education Program at SCCOE acknowledging their nominations by their peers and inviting them to be recognized at the COE Board Meeting in May or June, respectively.

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

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