Subject: Superintendent’s Monthly Report to the Board
Date: May 14, 2014

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of April 17, 2014:

15th Annual Soupline Supper
I participated by being a “ladler” at the Homeless Services Annual Event, which took place at the Cocoanut Grove. This is an annual event featuring signature soups, salads, gourmet breads and desserts from over 50 local restaurants. Proceeds benefit the Homeless Services Center.

Educational Leadership Meeting
I met with Audries Blake, Development Assistant/Social Services Division at UCSC and Joel Townsend, current UCSC Student, to discuss mentoring opportunities for minority students at UCSC.

UCSC School of Psychology
I was given the opportunity to address Psychology students at their monthly seminar. I was invited by Will Rosse, Academy Advisory and Psychologist of the SCCOE.

PVUSD Solar Dedication
I attended the Solar Dedication Ceremony at Hall Elementary School, which was held in conjunction with the celebration of Earth Day. Solar installations are complete at both Hall Elementary and Bradley Elementary Schools. Systems will go in this summer at Aptos Junior High School, Rolling Hills Middle School and Watsonville High School.

S4C
I have been continuing to work 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).

MakersFactory
I met with Dave Britton and Mary Beth Talpas of MakersFactory to discuss the growing interest on creating an Ed tech Innovation Cluster framework. The MakersFactory has been working with a Grants representative from the Community Foundation on education initiatives aligned with their work, and executives in the Ed Tech industry who wish to participate.

CASA Strategic Planning
I met with CASA representatives to discuss and provide input on a Survey for Partners and Stakeholders. CASA is embarking on a Strategic Planning process that will be their blueprint and guideline for the next five years. They intend to integrate community feedback into their Plan.
**CCSESA Quarterly Meeting**
I attended this California County Superintendents Educational Services Association Quarterly Meeting in Santa Barbara, which was held Sunday, April 27th through Tuesday, April 29th. Various CCSESA meetings were held and topics discussed including LCAP Materials, Integrating Arts Learning with the Common Core State Standards, Business Services to Small School Districts and Community Engagement.

**Rachel’s Challenge**
Our office hosted, “Rachel’s Challenge”, a program designed to create a positive impact on schools and community. Rachel Scott was one of the first students killed at Columbine High School in 1999 and her father, Darrell Scott, founded Rachel’s Challenge for the purpose of promoting Rachel’s philosophy of kindness and compassion to all. The morning session was targeted to Administrators and Counselors, the afternoon session was held at the Mello Center, with the auditorium filled with Watsonville High students. Participants at both events acknowledged the message was well-received and heart-felt.

**Dientes Community Dental**
I met with two representatives from Dientes, to discuss the dental health well-being of our local school children. Dientes Dental Care is offering services to children in our schools and school districts will have the option of entering the dental care registration form via an online system. We will be disseminating information to all our local school districts to assist Dientes with this worthwhile Program. Superintendents are embracing the opportunity.

**Criminal Justice Council Strategic Plan**
As part of the SJC Executive Committee, I assisted in the planning and implementation for the Quarterly Meeting.

**4TH Graders @ Cabrillo**
I attended the 3rd Annual Samper 4th Grade Experience, which introduces 4th graders to the college environment and gives them a feel for life after high school. The Santa Cruz County College Commitment was launched in 2012 when former county resident, Barbara Samper donated $1 million to the Program. There were approximately 3,000 students that attended. Our ROP Dental Assisting Program was one of the featured classroom tours. The Event was featured in both local newspapers.

**Queer Youth Leadership Awards**
I attended and addressed the 17th Annual Queer Youth Leadership Awards ceremony which was held at New Brighton Middle School. The mission of QYLA is to improve the lives of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning youth by increasing the positive awareness of Queer Youth Leadership, and increasing safe and welcoming environments in home, school, and community. QYLA honors today’s Queer youth leaders and their allies in three award categories: The Queer Youth Leadership Award, The Ally to Queer Youth Award, and The Organizational Ally to Queer Youth.

**Foothill Mid-Term WASC Accreditation**
I chaired an on-site Mid-Term WASC Accreditation Review of Foothill High School in San Jose, with Mrs. Carmela Della Pia, Teacher at Benicia Unified School District. I was a part of the initial Visiting Committee in March 2011.
**Inside Education Planning**
Cheryl Brothers and I met to discuss and plan Inside Education for 2014-15. There are twenty-five (25) applicants for next year’s cohort. We look forward to sharing the wonderful things schools are doing with the community.

**ETR Meeting**
I hosted a meeting with ETR (Scotts Valley), with COE Manager, Child Development Programs, Carole Mulford, also attending. ETR is a company that offers science-based health and education products and programs, providing solutions that work for health professionals, educators and consumers throughout California. They offer free curriculum to California schools. The HealthSmart Curriculum is a comprehensive K-12 health education program that gives students the knowledge and skills they need to establish life-long healthy behaviors. This Curriculum has been 12 years of development and improvements, with over 10 years of implementation experience, with hundreds of schools, thousands of teachers and over 1 million students served. We are looking at ways to help implement HealthSmart Curriculum into our local schools.

**Migrant Head Start Board Training**
I participated in a Migrant Head Start Board Training Videoconference, with Mary Anne James, Mary Hart and Maria Castro also attending. The purpose of the Training was to discuss a Plan of Action; approve the Shared Decision Making Policy; Certify the Conflict of Interest Policy; Certify the Standards of Conduct.

**Day of the Teacher/Classified School Employees Week Celebration**
We acknowledged both the 2014 Day of the Teacher and Classified School Employees Week with a combined celebration at Harvey West Park. It was well-attended and appreciated by everyone. Carol Polhamus and Bryan Wall both attended and were recognized for their years of service.

**CAAASA**
I am working with CAAASA to review the five bills that are part of a package of truancy-related bills sponsored by Attorney General (AG) Kamala Harris. In the course of conducting the AG’s report titled, “In School and On Track,” the AG found that attendance, truancy, and SARB data were not readily available. Consequently, several of the bills sponsored by the AG focus on data collection. The five bills are: AB 2141 (Hall); AB 1643 ((Buchanan); AB 1672 (Bradford), AB 1866 (Bocanegra) and AB 1107 (Monning).

**El Camino Hospital**
I met with the Executive Director, Behavioral Health Services of El Camino Hospital to discuss an After-School Program Intervention and Resiliency Education (ASPIRE) Program for the adolescents of Santa Cruz county. This Program is currently offered in the Mountain View/Los Altos School District. They offer a Course Curriculum for students that provide training and education in mental wellness skills. Granting academic credit to students for completing the program is a positive way to reinforce a commitment to wellbeing. I am looking forward to partnering with them to establish a satellite center in Santa Cruz County for students with mental health needs.
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