Subject: Superintendent’s Monthly Report to the Board
Date: August 20, 2014

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of July 23, 2014:

**Pre-PAC 6 Meeting**
I met with Mary Hart, SCCOE Associate Supt/Business and Mary Anne James, Associate Supt/Ed Services to discuss our presentation at the PAC 6 Conference in August, as well as discussing the Agenda for the upcoming Managers’ Retreat.

**S4C**
I met with Ray Kaupp, Executive Director to further discuss S4C for 2014-15 and to discuss his presentation to the local Superintendents at the August Superintendent’s Council Meeting.

**Your Future Is Our Business**
I met with Shareen Bell, Executive Director, to discuss our partnership with the 2014-15 Program and the upcoming 14th Annual Business & Education Luncheon, “Seed to Table” on October 10th. Your Future Is Our Business works to connect business and education by coordinating activities where students and teachers experience the world of work. YFIOB provides every student in Santa Cruz County with meaningful work-based learning opportunities. YFIOB began in 1994 as a program of the Education Committee of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce and evolved into a nationally recognized business/education intermediary. Housed at Cabrillo College since 1999, YFIOB’s mission is aligned with Cabrillo’s mission of “creating pathways to prosperity” for all students and supporting workforce development in Santa Cruz County.

**Cruzio Meeting**
I met with Peggy Dolgenos, Chair and Joe Foster, Executive Director/Santa Cruz County Business Council to discuss ways to strengthen partnerships between the public and private sectors.

**ROP Meeting**
I met with Mark Hodges, Senior Director and Jim Howes, Assistant Director of ROP to discuss the various district Agreements with ROP, Class Schedules, ROP Orientation(s) and moving forward after the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) sunsets.

**School Safety**
I met with Jim Howes to further discuss his role as school liaison for emergency services. As a result of the retirement of Deputy Superintendent, Bryan Wall, Jim has taken on this role and is developing a Plan with our ten school districts to ensure students are safe in times of an emergency.
**Youth Mental Health Task Force Meeting**
I met with Lauren Olaiz, El Camino Hospital and other stakeholders regarding youth mental health services in Santa Cruz. A collaboration between the SCCOE, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Santa Cruz County NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Chapter, and El Camino Hospital, we discussed progress and next steps, and lastly the need to fill a gap in available services in the area. The next step is to find a work space from which the Program can operate. The next meeting will take place in September.

**Gooru Meeting**
I met with Paulette Donnellon, Director/School Partnerships and Jason Borgen, SCCOE TICAL Program Director, to further discuss partnerships in which to enhance student learning in our county.

**New San Lorenzo Valley USD Superintendent Meeting**
I met with newly-hired Superintendent, Dr. Laurie Bruton, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, to discuss the role of the SCCOE in relation to our school districts and offer assistance.

**United Way**
I met with Soquel Superintendent, Henry Castaniada, who has taken on the role of Chairperson of the Santa Cruz County United Way Campaign and other United Way staff to discuss the 2015 Campaign and how the SCCOE can assist in the Campaign and make it a successful year.

**Dignity Health**
I met with Dignity Health of Dominican Hospital’s Director of Community Programs, Martina O'Sullivan to discuss the prevention of youth suicides in our county, as well as how best Dignity Health can partner with our schools.

**Robert Hartman School Event**
I attended a farewell event at Robert Hartman School along with the students, to honor Bonnie Dankert and George Czechowski, teachers at Juvenile Hall.

**NLET**
I met with Gordon Freedman, President & Founder, National Laboratory for Education Transformation (NLET) and Michael Paynter, SCCOE Manager/Foster Youth Services to discuss the feasibility of a multi-agency student- tracking data base, to better assist students and their families. NLET is a unique Silicon Valley-based non-profit focused on the strategic redesign of U.S. public education, the broad acceleration of individual and social learning, and the general increase in the transfer of knowledge within the county and around the world.

**Region V**
I participated in a phone call with San Benito Superintendent, Mike Sanchez and other Region V Superintendents to discuss a proposal by Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Superintendent, Monterey COE to establish protocols for regions to proactively guide delivery of services through a regional lead.

**Santa Clara COE Superintendent**
I contacted new Santa Clara COE Superintendent, Jon Gundry to welcome him in his new role and briefly discuss my wish to collaborate with the Santa Clara COE.
CCSESA Board of Directors Videoconference
I participated in a CCSESA videoconference to discuss the following: ELA/ELD Framework Training Module; Revised Statutory Functions; Proposed Research Contract and Committee; Updates by State Board of Education Executive Director, Karen Stapf Walters and Chief Deputy Superintendent, Richard Zeiger.

Departmental Oversight Meeting
I met with Senior and Assistant Directors of ROP, Alternative Education and Special Education Programs to discuss departmental oversight in the absence of a Deputy Superintendent.

Administrators Kickoff
I opened by welcoming participants to the 2014 Administrator Kick Off: The Science of Implementation that the COE hosted on August 6th. We had 100+ county-wide Administrators attend, with various breakout sessions for elementary, middle, high school and Alternative Education presentations. A copy of the Program is attached for your information.

Superintendent’s Council Meeting
I met with the local Superintendents, including new SCCS Superintendent, Kris Munro and new SLV Superintendent, Dr. Laurie Bruton. As well, Judge Heather Morse joined us to discuss Keeping Kids in School (KKIS) and to present their Course of Action. We discussed many topics including: the appointment of Jim Howes, the new schools safety liaison (replacing Bryan Wall); a Proposal for district involvement in the Doctoral Research of an education consultant and keynote speaker who specializes in classroom management and differentiated instruction; the shifting role of the COE; the LCAP Process and Updates; the upcoming September Superintendent Retreat; introduction of Ray Kaupp of S4C; continuing membership the Small School District Association; the upcoming Charter School Renewal Workshop.

AB 60 Meeting
I attended this county-wide leadership-level meeting to discuss the challenge of preparing for the implementation of AB 60 in Santa Cruz County. The discussion was based on the significance of this opportunity for public safety and immigrant community well-being; a review of current and potential new capacity to assist potential applicants; and discussion of strategies to improve capacity in a cost-effective manner. AB 60 requires the DMV to issue an original driver license to an applicant who is unable to submit satisfactory proof of legal presence in the US. Driver license applicants under AB 60 must meet all other qualifications for licensure and must provide satisfactory proof of identity and CA residency. AB 60 also requires DMV to develop regulations and consult with interested parties in an effort to assist DMV in identifying documents that will be acceptable for purposes of providing documentation to establish identity and residency.

Santa Cruz City Schools Kick Off
I was invited by new SCCS Superintendent, Kris Munro for their Administrative Welcome Event and I addressed the issue of the importance of partnership and collaboration between the local school districts and the COE.
**PAC 6**
Mary Hart, Mary Anne James and I attended the annual PAC 6 Conference in Northern California. Hosted by Superintendent, Paul Tichinin/Mendocino COE and in conjunction with Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Modoc, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Ventura and Yolo County Offices of Education, we gather to collaborate and discuss education-related issues. As well, Nancy Brownell/CDE, State Board of Education, Carla Robins Silver, Joel Montero/FCMAT, John Gray/School Services of California and Carl Corbin/School & College Legal Services all made presentations.

**Summer Institute**
I joined other education leaders from Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, San Francisco, and Solano counties to attend the third annual regional Integrated learning Summer Institute “Inventing our Future”. This multiple day Event took place at the Chabot Space & Science Center in Oakland. The purpose was to develop a deeper understanding of the important contributions of individuals and organizations across the Greater Bay Area. The vision was to have a more coordinated, aligned and mobilized community of educators and leaders ready for intelligent collective action to assure that each and every child is engaged in school, realizes their potential, and graduates ready to make his or her full contribution.

**Poetry Reading**
I was invited to read at an evening poetry reading at Bookshop Santa Cruz to support arts and poetry in the community.

**CAAASA Conference Call**
I participated in a conference call to discuss the planning and agenda of the 2015 Professional Development Summit coming up in March 2015. The California Association of African-American Superintendent’s & Administrators strive to highlight evidence based policies and practices that accelerate educational growth for African-American and other students of color.

**CCSESA Legislative Committee**
I participated in a conference call with the CCSESA Legislative Committee to discuss priority State and Federal Legislation including a Washington Update Report by Bob Canavan, Federal Management Strategies, and an update on the State Budget and a County Funding Proposal.

**Criminal Justice Council (CJC)**
I attended this meeting where many important issues were discussed including: 2014-15 CJC Budget; Executive Committee Vacancy; Community Corrections Partnership, AB109, County-wide Gang Task Force; BASTA; CJC Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force; Youth Violence Prevention Taskforce; Grant Opportunities and Updates. A Keeping Kids in School Presentation by Judge Heather Morse and the KKIS Team was done.

**Managers’ Retreat**
All of the SCCOE Managers participated in an offsite Retreat to kick off the 2014-15 year. The 2014-15 Strategic Plan (copy attached) was discussed; also a Pecha Kucha Video was presented; a presentation by Mary Hart and Mary Anne James on the topics of LCAP and Financials.
Central California Migrant Head Start Conference Call
In conjunction with the Stanislaus COE, I joined in a conference call which included participation by a Federal Specialist. Topics included: Five-year goals and its management; fiscal and leadership oversight; the governing body’s role and responsibilities; involvement of community partners.

ROP Staff Orientation(s)
I welcomed staff to the ROP Orientation and briefly touched on the continuing role of ROP in our schools and the community, and ROPs vision and goals. Jim Howes (ROP Administration), Shareen Bell (YFIOB), Fidel Mejia (Technology), Karen Lemon (Middle School Coordination), Julie Edwards (Counseling) and Deb Tracy (Medical) all made presentations.

Charter Renewal Training
In conjunction with Santa Clara COE, legal representative, Stephanie Medrano Farland presented a training for school districts and the COE on renewing Charters. As well, she presented separately to school Board members on their role in renewing Charter Schools.

S4C
I met with Ray Kaupp, S4C Executive Director, to discuss the continuing engagement between education and business leaders in Santa Cruz County.

Regular Monthly Meetings
Special Education Coordinating Agency Meeting
Migrant Head Start Videoconference Children’s Network
Criminal Justice Council S4C Steering Committee
CCSESA Executive Board CCSESA Board of Directors
CCSESA Agenda Committee Manager’s Meeting