Subject: Superintendent’s Monthly Report to the Board
Date: September 17, 2014

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of August 21, 2014:

**SEAC BOARD MEETING**
I participated in a conference call with the School Employers Association of California (SEAC) to discuss various Board Member Reports such as: activities, the hotline, membership, financial/professional development, Legislative issues, California Ed Coalition for Health Care Reform, and the Health and Benefits Advisory Services. We also discussed SEAC’s Final Budget and proposed meeting dates for 2014-15.

**CAAASA**
I participated in a follow-up conference call to help cement plans for the Equity Leadership Institute. ACSA/CDE, CSBA have agreed to collaborate with these trainings at their annual conferences. The California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA) is a professional development organization committed to improving educational opportunities for African-American youth, and other underserved student populations in California.

**ORIENTATION**
I opened the COE’s 2014-15 Orientation Day Event by welcoming everyone and giving various updates. COE managers introduced their department’s new employees, Ray Kaupp addressed S4C, Service Awards were presented and other relevant information was shared. A light breakfast was provided and everyone seemed to enjoy the annual Event.

**ROP MEETING**
I met with Mark Hodges, Senior Director and Jim Howes, Assistant Director of ROP to discuss their continuing roles with Regional Occupation Programs in 2014-15.

**NOEL SMITH**
I met with Noel Smith, writer for the Aptos Times Publishing Group to discuss my appointment to the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) Committee and his interest in writing a story about the appointment.

**SCOTTS VALLEY WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**
I was invited to welcome staff at the Scotts Valley “Welcome Back to School” breakfast. It was well-attended and the breakfast and the information shared were appreciated by staff.
EdLeader21 is a national network of school and district leaders focused on integrating the 4cs (critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity) into education. I joined in a conference call with EdLeader21 participants to discuss the identification of pain points related to the 4cs and 21st Century Education Implementation; potential solutions; upcoming events; working group/project opportunities.

INSIDE EDUCATION
I welcomed attendees to the first two Inside Education Meetings for 2014-15. The first meeting’s topic was “School Finance in California” with presentations by me, Mary Hart, SCCOE CBO and Jean Gardner, SCCOE Director/Fiscal Services. The second meeting’s topic was “Why the Early Years Matter! One Childhood-One Chance-Invest Early”, which included a presentation by Carole Mulford, SCCOE Manager/Child Development Programs and a visit to Head Start, Elena Baskin Childcare Center, Cabrillo College Children’s Center and Live Oak Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten.

REALTORS ASSOCIATION
Mary Anne James, Cindy O’Conner and I jointly made presentations to the Realtors Association to discuss the Role of the COE, CA School Data, SC County Data, Charter Schools, Common Core, School District Boundaries, Inter-District/Intra-District Transfers, LCFF/LCAP, Issues and Trends and Resources. All of the Presentations were well-received.

CCSESA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
An Executive Committee Meeting conference call was held to discuss the Agenda for the 9/8 Board of Directors Meeting, revisions to the County Board Evaluation Instrument, an update on a Presentation to SBE, the upcoming New Superintendents Orientation, the proposed purpose statement and membership of the Business Partnerships Committee.

DR. ARNOLD DANZIG
I met with Dr. Danzig, Professor and Founding Director, of the Ed.D Program in Educational Leadership in the Connie L. Lurie College of Education at San Jose State University to discuss their new Doctorate Program @ SJSU. There is a demonstrable need for Ed.D programs for the state and for the region since more than 8 in 10 California superintendents will be eligible for retirement in the next five years. The Ed.D Program was launched this summer and is a flexible three-year program for full-time working professionals, including principals, teachers, leaders, assistant superintendents, and nonprofit and educational foundation leaders. Our office will host an informational session here at Annex on Tuesday, November 4th @ 4:00 p.m. for anyone interested in learning about this worth-while program.

J.M. BROWN
I met with J.M. Brown to discuss an article regarding ROP and the benefits of the various classes offered throughout our school districts. His intent was to also visit the office of ROP and get more insight. (His Article was published in the September 14th Edition of the Sentinel).

TASTE OF THE HARBOR
I attended this Event to support O’Neill Sea Odyssey (OSO) which engages 4th – 6th grade youth with 3-hour lessons in navigation, sailing, conservation, and marine science on a 65-foot catamaran sailing Monterey Bay, and in a shore-side education center. The program is free, and each group completes a community service project to participate. Their mission is to provide a hands-on educational experience to encourage the protection and preservation of our living sea
and communities. OSO offers a stimulating environment in which students learn practical applications for the subject matter, including geography, mathematics, natural science, and conservation. OSO has had far-reaching and beneficial effect on our local communities. Since its inception, it has served more than 75,000 students. Not only has the interest of these students been stimulated in marine science and environmental conservation, they have also contributed directly to their community through their environmental community service projects.

**CSBA: CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

I met with Vernon Billy, the CEO Executive Director of the California School Boards Association to discuss LCAP procedures, LCFF implementation, advocacy and ways in which California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) could work more closely with California County Boards of Education (CCBE) and CSBA.

**CAPITOLA/APTOS ROTARY**

Doug Deaver, president, Capitola-Aptos Rotary asked me to speak with his members recently in regards to the Common Core State Standards. Approximately 40 members attended and were very appreciative of my presentation.

**CCSESA Board of Directors and New Superintendent Orientation**

I attended these two days of meetings in Sacramento which included a meeting with Governor Brown and Rich Zeiger, CDE, discussing the newly-formed California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) Committee. In addition, I attended the New Superintendent Orientation meeting with the sixteen (16) new COE Superintendents to discuss core values/leadership focus; county superintendents’ roles & responsibilities; service and communication strategies with school districts and local communities; functions as an association; county superintendents/board relationships; fiscal oversight functions/introduction to the Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT); next steps.

**S4C Meeting**

In conjunction with Cabrillo College and various county-wide stakeholders, Ray Kaupp, Executive Director/S4C hosted a meeting which was held at the Horticulture Center @ Cabrillo for the purpose of brainstorming for the upcoming “College Awareness Week”: October 27 – November 3. The purpose of making it a week-long event, rather than a one-day event (College Awareness Day), is to expand the information throughout the county about the benefits of attending college and to get students more interested. A lot of information was shared and many new ideas emerged as a result of this meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COUNCIL**

I met with the local superintendents for the first meeting of 2014-15. Many topics were discussed including: Transitional Services; AB 60; School Safety; KKIS & Chronic Absences; LCAP Process, Narrowing the Achievement Gap for EL; Best Practices and lastly, 2014-15 Challenges. We meet monthly and everyone has input for agenda topics.

**Regular Monthly Meetings**

| Special Education Coordinating Agency Meeting | Children’s Network |
| Criminal Justice Council | S4C Steering Committee |
| CCSESA Executive Board | CCSESA Board of Directors |
| CCSESA Agenda Committee | Manager’s Meeting |