Subject: Superintendent’s Monthly Report to the Board
Date: October 15, 2014

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of September 18, 2014:

CCSESA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
I participated in a conference call with other Committee Members to discuss: Federal Legislation: Budget/Appropriations with Bob Canavan, Federal Advocate of the Federal Mgmt. Strategies attending. Also discussed was the State Budget: the County Funding Proposal.

LOAVES & FISHES
I attended the local Loaves & Fishes Fundraiser whose mission is to assist people in the Pajaro Valley with nutritious food, education and referrals in cooperation with other agencies. They offer a Hot Lunch Program as well as a Pantry Program.

MIGRANT HEAD START BUDGET MEETING
I met with Maria Castro, Manager/Migrant Head Start Program to discuss the 2015 Budget for Migrant Head Start and the changing oversight relationship with Stanislaus County Office of Education.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS @ JAIL
I met with Fernando Giraldo, Santa Cruz Chief Probation Officer to discuss options and benefits of having a COE teacher assigned to the county jail in order to aide inmates in receiving a high school diploma. Additional meetings with COE staff are taking place to determine the viability of this proposal.

CALIFORNIA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION (CCSESA) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
I participated in a joint conference call to discuss topics including: County Funding Model(s); K12 High-Speed Internet Connectivity for the Public School System; 20 Day Substitute Permits.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
I attended the meeting of the Santa Cruz County Community Corrections Partnership to discuss AB 109 Implementation and Outcomes (2011 Public Safety Realignment - The law, effective October 1, 2011, mandates that individuals sentenced to non-serious, non-violent or non-sex offenses will serve their sentences in county jails instead of state prison), Related Criminal Justice Initiatives; Work Group Reports; Unspent AB 109 Treatment Funds; Renewing Service Contracts; Allocating New Community Recidivism Reduction Funding.

CSEA
Troy Cope, Mary Hart, Jean Gardner and I met with the CSEA Bargaining Unit to discuss the current and projected financial status of the SCCOE.
REGIONAL DATA WAREHOUSE MEETING
I met again with staff of the National Laboratory for Educational Transformation and the University of California at Santa Cruz, who have partnered to address some of the most pressing education and human resource issues facing Silicon Valley through the creating of a Regional Data Trust. The Trust will partner with Santa Clara COE’s high-capacity data center infrastructure and data warehouse. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss how a Regional Data Trust could benefit Santa Cruz county schools in regard to efficiency and cost savings in preparation for a presentation to local Superintendents.

HAPPY VALLEY’S 150TH ANNIVERSARY
I attended the 150th Anniversary of Happy Valley School with approximately 300 alumni, parents and former teachers participating at DeLaveaga Park. Happy Valley Elementary School is the oldest public school in Santa Cruz County. The Event was well-attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Additionally, awards were presented on Sunday at Happy Valley School to the “Heroes of Happy Valley”.

DWIGHT BONDS
I met with Dwight Bonds, Executive Director/California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA) and Enid Lee of Enid Lee Consultants, Inc. in preparation of a 3-hour workshop at the CSBA Conference in December. The items discussed were the development of presentations, sample policies and materials aligned with the LCAP that addresses issues of equity for underperforming students.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL
I attended this Executive Committee meeting to discuss the November agenda and a presentation on AB 109.

ROP MEETINGS WITH DISTRICTS
Mary Anne James, Mary Hart, Mark Hodges, Jim Howes and I have met with the Santa Cruz City and Scotts Valley school districts to discuss Regional Occupational Programs and how best to collaborate to keep the classes intact and continue to support them. Additional meetings are scheduled soon with San Lorenzo Valley and Pajaro Valley Unified school districts.

SUPT’S COUNCIL
I met with the district superintendents to discuss many items of interest including: Regional Data Warehouse; Universal Intersdistrict Attendance Forms; Individual School board Agenda Setting Processes; SCCOE Services to Districts; Common Core Implementation and Dealing with Combination Classes; CBEDS; Opportunities & Challenges; Countywide Data System; an Elementary Law Program and the Kids Vote Program in Santa Cruz county.

SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
I joined ROP staff and the City of Santa Cruz Sister City Committee welcoming guests from Shingu, Japan. The visit to Santa Cruz was a celebration of a 40-year relationship, and an opportunity to share and support one another facing current and future challenges of economics, decreasing/increasing population and budgetary constraints. ROP gave a Presentation providing a thorough explanation of an alternative system geared at educating and stimulating youth. The Committee was very appreciative of ROP’s passion of their Program.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT(S) FOR A DAY
I met with two students from Mountain Elementary School District who were awarded “Superintendent for a Day”. Sophie O’Rourke (3rd Grade) won via a district auction and Jace Hyer (4th Grade) was nominated by faculty. Besides being recognized at Mountain School by Superintendent, Diane Morgenstern and treated to a special lunch @ the wharf, both students were given a tour of the COE, met staff and were given a “goody bag”. It was memorable not only for the students, but for our staff as well.

**JAMES BELL PRESENTS**
We supported the Probation Department to bring “James Bell Presents: Reducing Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice & Educational Systems” to the Rio Theater. James Bell, the Executive Director of the Hayward Burns Institute, presented on National & Historical Juvenile Justice Reform Efforts; Strategies for Ensuring Youth Success; and Local Strategies. As well, there were presenters discussing various local issues with time set-aside for questions and answers. The Event was well-attended and informative.

**INSIDE EDUCATION**
I welcomed participants for the third session of Inside Education 2014, where the topic was, “It’s No Longer Vocational Ed-It’s Career Tech”, involving Regional Occupational Programs. Hands-on visits took place at Soquel High School in the following classrooms: Animal Science, Construction Tech, Criminal Justice, Environmental Horticulture, and Graphic Design I and II. The day concluded at the 14th Annual, “Your Future Is Our Business” Luncheon at Twin Lakes Baptist Church.

**YOUR FUTURE IS OUR BUSINESS**
I attended and gave an opening welcome to attendees for the 14th Annual Business & Education Seed-to-Table Luncheon @ Twin Lakes Church. The Seed-to-Table Luncheon is a collaborative work-based learning project with over 250 ROP High School and Cabrillo College students participating. Student teams planned the menu, grew the produce, served the lunch, created a documentary, took photos, created flyers and banners, and provided the entertainment for the Luncheon. Many participating businesses were represented, as well as COE staff members.

**CCSESA QUARTERLY MEETING**
I attended the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) General Membership Quarterly Meeting in Death Valley, as well as participating in the CCSESA Board of Directors Meeting and the State and Federal Legislative Committee Meeting. Many items were discussed including the Executive Director’s Report; Financial Report; 2013-14 Audit Report; Business Partnerships Proposal; Approval of Nominees for Steering Committee Chairs in 2016; County Office Funding Proposal; California Dept. of Education Update; Treasurer’s Report; Election of K-12 High Speed Network Advisory Committee; State & Federal Legislative Activities; Business Partnerships Standing Committee; California Academic Decathlon; Various Steering Committee Reports; Steering Committee Star Awards; Professional Learning Community (PLC) Discussion; Presentation on ELA/ELD Initiative and Modules; Arts Initiative Update; Annual Awards Presentations and Retirements; Presentation on Induction Programs; Vergara Update.

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