Subject: Superintendent’s Monthly Report to the Board
Date: November 19, 2014

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of October 16, 2014:

**S4C PRESENTATION @ SFSU**
I participated in a panel with Ray Kaup, Executive Director/S4C to present to the SFSU Doctoral Program Class to discuss S4C, English Collaborative, EAP and Student Outcomes, 7th Grade Summit, and District Support and Sustainability for the purpose of recruiting future talent to Santa Cruz County.

**TICAL MEETING**
I met with Jason Borgen, Program Director, Rowland Baker, of TICAL (Technology Information Center for Administrative Leadership) and Mary Hart to discuss future funding opportunities. With the state no longer funding TICAL, alternative sources of revenue need to be acquired, possibly through legislative action.

**SPEAKER’S BUREAU TRAINING**
I attended the first Speaker’s Bureau Training which was held at the Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Roundtree Corrections Facility, where inspirational stories of men currently incarcerated at Roundtree were shared. It was an emotional and inspirational event.

**CAAASA EQUITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**
I attended the California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators in Burbank, to assist in the preparation of the 2015 Professional Development Conference and California Endowment Summit in March 2015. Additionally, we met with Dr. Robert Ross, CEO California Endowment to discuss the CAAASA Equity Leadership Institute and brought him up-to-date on current CAAASA Projects. We believe that Dr. Ross’s insight, recommendations and support will assist CAAASA with its’ endeavors.

**ADDITIONAL DISTRICT MEETINGS RE: ROP**
Mark Hodges, Jim Howes, Mary Hart, Mary Anne James and I have met with the last two large school districts: Pajaro Valley USD and San Lorenzo Valley USD to discuss ROP and how best to collaborate and maintain classes. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed and presented to district Superintendents and CBO’s as a way to ensure future CTE/ROP funding.

**ENID LEE**
I met with Ms. Enid Lee, Consultant, for the purpose of developing presentations, sample policies and materials aligned with the LCAP that address issues of equity, (specifically student engagement, school climate and student achievement), for underperforming students in the upcoming CAAASA Leadership Institute at CSBA in December.
BOB LEE MEMORIALS
I attended both the flag-lowering ceremony and also the Memorial Service in honor of Santa Cruz County District Attorney, Bob Lee. Both events were well-attended.

SC/SVNTP
I welcomed participants to the Santa Cruz/Silicon Valley New Teacher Project’s Administrator Breakfast. The purpose of the Breakfast Meeting was to gather Teachers, Principals and Administrators and discuss topics such as: Developing a Growth Mindset; A Triad Conversation: A Collaboration between Teacher, Principal and Site Administrator; Observe a Common Core Lesson; Teacher Inquiries: To learn about the inquiry process as teachers share their inquiries and insights; to identify ways in which teacher inquiry supports the development of growth mindsets for both teachers and students.

INSIGHT TO IMPACT
I met with Ms. Maia Zohara, Director of Business Development & Strategic Partnerships for Insight to Impact, Inc. to discuss, “Insight to Impact Solutions”, an evidence-based solution for youth development. The “Solution” is an early warning indicator and intervention resource for all schools interested in aligned evidence-based success. It is an effective, efficient and economical answer to four key indicators for youth in trouble – Truancy, Attendance, GPA and Discipline Referrals. The purpose of the meeting was to determine if/how this Program can benefit students in Santa Cruz County Schools.

BE THE DIFFERENCE
I attended the annual, “Be the Difference Awards” Celebration which recognizes the people, groups and businesses who make a difference in Santa Cruz County through volunteerism. I was fortunate to share a table with Julia Chiapella, Jory Post, Paige Petersen, Kaitlin Fasse, Mary Gaukel, Shareen Bell and Bryan Wall. The Young Writer’s Program and Your Future is Our Business both won Group Awards.

CAT WILLIS
As a member of the Board of Director of the Tannery World Dance & Cultural Center, I met with Ms. Cat Willis, the Founder/Director to discuss upcoming plans and changes to the Cultural Center. The Mission of the Cultural Center is to foster cultural awareness and engage the Santa Cruz and Bay Area community through traditional, cross cultural, and contemporary dance classes, educational programs, and enrichment awareness, artistic growth, collaboration, and educational and performance opportunities for dance artists in the Santa Cruz and Bay Area community.

REGION 5
Superintendents and Assistant or Associate Superintendents from Santa Clara, San Benito, Monterey and Santa Cruz County met at the Santa Clara County Office of Education to discuss the Regional system of District and School Support (RSDSS), the California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN).

COLLEGE NIGHT
College Awareness Month culminated in College and Career Night @ Cabrillo where college representatives from numerous public, private, and out-of-state colleges and universities were available to answer questions and help prospective students plan their career path. It was a successful event with many attendees.
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
Our office hosted and I gave the welcome at a SJSU Information Session on a new Ed.D. Cohort @ SJSU beginning in the summer of 2015 for teachers and administrators interested in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership.

SECOND HARVEST KICK OFF
Mary Anne James, Harriet Maglin, JoAnn Allen, Troy Cope, John Armstrong, Denise Sanson, Melanie Martin and I attended the Second Harvest Food Bank’s 2014 Holiday Food & Fund Drive Kick-Off Luncheon @ the Cocoanot Grove. This event is always well-attended with many local agencies represented.

PEDRO NOGUERA
I attended a presentation @ Stanford by Pedro Noguera, the Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education at New York University. Mr. Noguera was a classroom teacher in public schools in Providence RI, and Oakland and continues to work with schools nationally and internationally as a researcher and advisor. His research focuses on the ways in which schools are influenced by social and economic conditions, as well as by demographic trends in local, regional, and global contexts. This Presentation @ Stanford focused on Schooling for Resilience: Lessons from Single Sex Schools.

ATTORNEY GENERAL
I met with Jill Habig, Special Assistant to Attorney General, Kamala Harris in San Francisco to discuss issues of chronic student absenteeism and truancy as they relate to the LCAP approval process.

CCREC
I attended the UC Collaborative Research for an Equitable California (CCREC) Conference which was structured around a series of “Provocation to Wide Awakeness” meant to provide insights, questions, and challenges to help us engage deeply in the themes of the conference. The notion of “wide awakeness” comes from Maxine Greene, a theorist and activist who was always searching for ways to create experience that would wake people up the both the realities of oppression and suffering and to the transformative possibility of human being.

ROP WELCOME
I gave a welcome at the first Staff Development Meeting of the year for the entire ROP staff and gave an update on funding.

SC/SVNTTP FALL BREAKFAST
I attended the Santa Cruz/Silicon Valley New Teacher Project’s Fall Breakfast at the Santa Clara COE, which included approximately seventy-five (75) site and district administrators, mentors and instructional coaches, New Teacher staff and other interested colleagues. The theme was, “Aligning Support of Equitable Teaching and Learning.” Participants had the opportunity to learn about the innovative work and hear about the various collaborations.

SOQUEL MEETING
I met with Soquel Superintendent, Henry Castaniada, to discuss the increasing enrollment in Soquel schools and the growing need for technology and support. We agreed to jointly visit Soquel schools.
INSIDE ED
I welcomed participants to the “Elementary Education” Session of Inside Education. DeLaveaga and Gault Schools were the two sites visited and I heard the words “stellar day” used to express the outcome of the day. Sophia Sorensen, SCCOE English Language Development Coordinator presented on English Learners and was the Hot Topic focus for lunch.

NORRIS LECTURE SERIES
I was asked and accepted to be the Moderator for the 2014 Ken Norris Memorial Lecture at the Seymour Center. This annual event was named in honor of Ken Norris, intended to combine multiple points of view with big-picture thinking, in an informal yet intimate setting. This year’s theme is “The Family Business”, a discussion with six scientists (three married couples) who study the ocean. Since this event is taking place the evening of the November 20th Board Meeting, I will follow-up next month on the outcome.

FORESTRY CHALLENGE
We recently received a thank you letter from the California Forestry Challenge announcing the results of the 2014 Challenge, with a personal note from Diane Dealey Neill, expressing her gratitude and accolades to Santa Cruz County students for their participation. Ninety-one students and 19 teachers from 13 high schools participated in the event.

COE ALL MEETING
I welcomed staff to our first COE All Staff meeting of the fiscal year. These meetings are held to keep staff informed, recognize achievements and discuss matters of importance. A representative from United Way attended and discussed the United Way Program and the benefits to the community. Some items discussed at this meeting were: COE Safety and Lockdown Procedures; the financial status of the COE; Update on our new Digital Schools Financial System; New Department staff were introduced and department updates were given.

GREEN VALLEY SITE BUILDING UPDATE
All of the required documents, contracts, etc. were finalized and submitted on November 18. Commencement of construction will begin on December 1, 2014 with a completion date of December 15, 2016.

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

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