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

The following matters and events have occurred since the Report of November 19, 2014:

SEYMOUR CENTER  
I was asked and accepted to be the Moderator for the 2014 Ken Norris Memorial Lecture @ the Seymour Center. The topic was, “When Ocean Science Is the Family Business”, a discussion with six scientists (three married couples) who study the ocean. It was well-attended and an interesting and lively conversation.

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY  
I met with John Cradler, President, Educational Support Systems and Rowland Baker, TICAL, to discuss a new Education Technology Task Force, a volunteer group appointed by State Superintendent, Tom Torlakson. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss ways to improve and expand the use of education technology in Santa Cruz County schools to support administration, teaching, learning, and student assessment.

CALIFORNIA CAREER PATHWAYS TRUST (CCPT)  
Ray Kaupp, Executive Director/S4C and Mary Anne James, Associate Supt/Ed Services and I met to discuss the California Career Pathways Trust. In July 2014, the California Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law the California Education Code, sections 53010 through 53016, and the Budget Act of 2014, Statutes 2014, creating the California Career Pathways Trust. Funds in the amount of $250 million will be made available to school districts, county superintendents of schools, direct-funded charter schools, regional occupational centers or programs operated by a joint powers authority, and community college districts in the form of one-time competitive grants. Grants will be made available for kindergarten through grade fourteen career pathways programs.

ENID LEE  
I have continued to meet 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 for the CAAASA Leadership Institute at CSBA earlier this week.

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.

**SPECIAL ED TASK FORCE**
I participated in the Special Education Task Force Meeting in Sacramento to discuss the finalization of all subcommittee input and reports.

**CCSESA EXECUTIVE BOARD and BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
I attended the CCSESA Executive Committee in Sacramento to discuss: The County Funding Model; Relations with CDE, and the Business Partnerships Committee Membership.

The CCSESA Board of Directors Meeting was held to discuss: The Treasurer’s Report; President-Elect Appointments; 2015 CISC Treasurer; Reports from the State and Federal Legislative Committee, the Research Committee Report and various Steering Committee Reports; CCSESA Arts Initiative Update; Discussion with State Superintendent Tom Torlakson, and a State Board of Education Update.

**SAFETY MEETING**
This meeting was held to discuss coordination with districts in an emergency; COE as the main contact with the media; internal safety measures for main COE emergencies.

**KEN THOMAS**
I met with Ken Thomas regarding county mental health services in Santa Cruz County schools. We are working towards increasing services through expanding collaborations with the non-profits.

**PAYACTIV**
Mary Hart, SCCOE Associate Supt/Business Services and I participated in a conference call with PayActiv, a program which enables employees to access their earned, but unpaid income. More research will be done.

**ADDITIONAL DISTRICT MEETINGS RE: ROP**
I met with our school district CBO’s at a meeting sponsored by Mary Hart, Associate Supt/Business Services to discuss ROP and the MOU’s that have been drafted for the districts. We are in the process of developing a four-year Transition Plan that would retain most of the current ROP classes with the high school districts.

**SANTA CRUZ CITY BOARD MEETING**
I was asked and accepted the honor of swearing in the Board President, Vice President and Board Clerk of the Santa Cruz City School District at their December Board Meeting.

**DR. MARY ANN DEWAN**
I met with Dr. Dewan, previous Interim Superintendent of Santa Clara COE to discuss the Region 4 California Collaborative on District Reform. The California Collaborative on District Reform joins researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and funders in ongoing, evidence-based dialogue and collective action to improve outcomes for all students in California’s urban school systems, with particular attention to equity and access for traditionally under-served students in the state.
CSBA/CAAASA
CSBA: I attended the annual CSBA Conference and participated in a CSBA Delegate Assembly LCAP discussion, with David Gordon, Superintendent/Sacramento COE and Randy Ward, Superintendent/San Diego COE. Items discussed were: What was expected during the year one LCAP Review Process; Overall actual experiences and what was unexpected; What Delegate Assembly members need to know regarding the year two LCAP Review expectations; How the process changed the way we interact with our districts; Our experience submitting our COE LCAP to the SPI.

CAAASA
In conjunction with CSBA, I joined Richard Carranza, Superintendent/San Francisco Unified School District, Paul Gothold, Superintendent/Lynwood Unified School District as Presenters at the California Association of African American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA) Health & Equity Leadership Institute #1. This Health & Equity Leadership Institute was collaboration with California Association of African American Superintendents, California School Board Association, California Department of Education and other statewide organizations partnering on behalf of the education of students of color. Institute #1 focused on: Academic achievement for African American and other underserved students; Solutions that accelerate educational excellence for all students in the LCAP process; Policies that foster a positive school climate and promote student engagement; Socio-emotional, physical, mental and other health issues that impact academic achievement; best practices in parent and family engagement. Enid Lee, International Consultant was the Featured Speaker at this Institute. Future 2015 Institutes will include: #2 Superintendents and State Leadership; #3 Superintendents and School District Leadership; #4 Superintendents and Parent Engagement Leadership.

ANN GIBB & JOHN WEBER
I met with Ann Gibb and Joh Weber of UCSC to discuss an Arts Partnership.

SOQUEL SCHOOL SITE VISITS
Beginning December 18, I will be joining Soquel Superintendent, Henry Castaniada to begin visits to all their schools in order to ascertain their exemplary program and innovative strategies in support of all students in relation to LCAP.

Regular Monthly Meetings
Special Education Coordinating Agency Meeting  Agriculture Board 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
Superintendent’s Council