

## Weekly from Dr. Rudolph

August 28, 2018

### **NALEO conference:**

This week I attended a 2-day conference hosted by NALEO: California Statewide Policy Institute on Education Governance.

During the two-day conference, Heidi Smith and I had the opportunity with other participants from across the state to hear from leading experts from the public, private, and non-profit sectors who shared their knowledge on pressing policy matters and governance strategies.

Topics addressed during the Institute's curriculum included:

- Latino Student Academic Achievement in California
- Lessons Learned from Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Overview of ESSA and the California State Accountability Plan
- The Growing Need to Support ELL Students
- Unpacking State Assessment Systems at the Local Level
- Pupil, Per-School Reporting

The NALEO Education Leadership Initiative (NELI) aims to provide Latino public servants with the enhanced capacity and governance skills they need to become effective advocates for their communities, families, and students.

### **County Superintendents Retreat:**

This year the County Retreat focused on how to negotiate during lean times. John Gray from School Services attended the session and discussed the economic forecast for the state and California and its potential impact at the bargaining table.

### **Upcoming events**

Tuesday, September 4	Stevenson Foundation, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 5	PTA Council at MLVA, 9:00 a.m.
	Theuerkauf New Family Orientation, 5:00 p.m.
	Landels New Family Orientation, 5:00 pm.
	Back to School Night (all elementary schools except Castro)
Thursday, September 6	Theuerkauf ELAC, 8:40 a.m.
	Theuerkauf Preschool Back to School Night, 5:00 p.m.
Friday, September 7	Landels Principal's Coffee, 8:30 a.m.

### **The Superintendent's Calendar in Review**

- Attended the two-day National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials conference
- Met with various groups regarding staff housing
- Met with three direct reports
- Attended the Santa Clara County Superintendents Association retreat

#### **From the Public Information Officer**

- School, district website updates and social media posts
- Public records requests
- Test results communications preparation
- Preparation of Stevenson and Bubbs websites for launch
- Enrollment communications preparation
- Attendance Awareness Month communications and campaign prep
- Volunteers/ community engagement/ committee members package prep
- Government affairs communication preparation

#### **From the Director of Technology**

- Working on resolving the usual flood of requests that we receive at the start of each school year. In the last month, we have received 795 requests and have resolved 65% of those requests.
- First site tech leader meeting of the new school year. David Harris trained teachers on Nearpod. We are using Nearpod this year to deliver Digital Citizenship lessons from CommonSense media.
- Tech teacher on special assignment David Harris and Jon Aker visited Bubbs elementary.

#### **From the Chief Academic Officer**

This week Cathy Baur supported the completion of the annual California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) report for the Board of Trustees. The report is comprehensive and describes the results of the spring 2017 administration of the CAASPP assessments.

On Wednesday, Cathy observed lunch processes at Castro/Mistral and attended Back to School Night at Castro School. Members from the environmental collaborative came on Thursday afternoon for the annual meeting and sign-ups for fourth and fifth grade field trip and programs. On Friday, Cathy attended the first 2018 collaboration meeting with Los Altos Elementary and the Mountain View Los Altos High School District focused on math.

#### **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment**

This week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department, Cindy was able to provide professional development to teachers at Theuerkauf in the area of Guided Reading. Tara and Cindy held the first elementary RTI meeting of the year to plan for the year ahead. Tara was able to meet with Mr. Barajas and Mr. Bhattacharya to review Crittenden's data and plan next steps for the middle school instructional coaches and administrators during the upcoming month. Tara was also able to

meet with the middle school instructional coaches and special education department in order to plan support systems in the implementation of co-teaching.

### **Federal, State and Strategic Programs**

**8/27 & 8/28:** Attended the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) California Statewide Policy Institute on Education Governance at Stanford University. Topics covered: Latino Student Academic Achievement in California, lessons Learned from Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Overview of ESSA and the California State Accountability Plan, the Growing Need to Support ELL Students, Unpacking State Assessment Systems at the Local Level, Pupil, and Per-School Reporting.

**8/29:** School and community engagement facilitator meeting. English learner newcomer data pull training, newcomer plans training and strategy trouble shooting.

**8/29:** First day of ELPAC assessments at sites. Newcomer English learners tested to establish initial English proficiency levels and EL status. Annual testing of returning English learners will be in March due to the new State EL assessment calendar and process.

**8/30:** Participation on the English Learners with Disabilities Community of Practice meeting at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. This is the first meeting among county directors/leaders to share best practices for supporting English learners with disabilities. MVWSD will contribute its newly devised alternate reclassification process.

**8/31:** Meeting with Huff principal to review SIOP implementation plan and offer support and guidance with respect to delivery of ELD designated instruction.

### **Site Visits:**

8/29: Mistral Classroom walkthroughs with the principal and 2018-2019 SIOP implementation plan support and review.

8/30: Theuerkauf SIOP implementation draft plan review and support and walkthroughs with the principal.

### **Special Education**

Two of our contracted special education teachers have left us, unfortunately. We are in the process of interviewing a candidate for the class at Theuerkauf. The class at Landels will be combined with an existing special class. Related service providers such as speech therapists, psychologists, and occupational therapists were trained in LEA Medi-Cal billing reporting requirements. We received approximately \$90,000 in Medi-Cal reimbursements last year. Transportation for students attending schools outside of our district has been successfully transitioned from multiple vendors to Zum, our new transportation vendor.

### **Preschool**

The school year is off to a great start! It's only our second week and the students are learning about school routines and enjoying time with their teachers and new friends. I see and hear lots of smiles and laughter on my visits to the classrooms.

New students are added to the classrooms each day as we continue with enrollment. If families continue to show up for their enrollment appointments, we have only 12 State Preschool spaces remaining. We anticipate that we will have a waiting list for State Preschool this year.

### **From the Chief Business Officer**

#### **Capital Projects**

The contractors are continuing to work on the unfinished items of the summer projects at various sites.

#### **Fiscal Services**

2017-2018 books are closed and the Unaudited Actuals are ready to be presented to the Board.

Fiscal services staff began cross training to learn the skills related to other jobs within the department. This will be an ongoing effort to learn new skills to encourage career growth and also to provide continued support and customer service during the staff absences.

Various department staffs have received training as a part of remote requisition implementation.

#### **Maintenance Operations & Transportation**

Staff continues to work on the 100+ outstanding work orders from the start of school.

#### **Business Services**

Robert Clark participated in the Leadership Team meeting, attended the Crittenden Back to School Night and the Santa Clara County CBO monthly meeting, and met with District representatives for the North Bayshore project. He visited Castro/Mistral during lunch to observe the setup of the new shared MUR.

### **From the Chief Human Relations Officer**

- Carmen Ghysels met with various District personnel
- Facilitated a meeting with a demographer to discuss the first steps in pinpointing student enrolled in the neighborhood transition areas.
- Met with MVEA President
- Attended/Co-Facilitated Leadership Team Meeting
- Visited various school sites
- Participated in Instrument Distribution Nights
- Met with CSEA Field Representative