Superintendent’s Staff Report

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Working together as a cohesive K-12 team of education professionals we can rise to any challenge. Everyone on our team plays an important role in achieving our goals. Thank you for all your hard work. Have a great weekend. - SN

Superintendent Search
At the Board of Education’s February 20 meeting, trustees selected Leadership Associates of La Quinta to direct the search for a permanent superintendent. Leadership Associates was selected over two other executive search firms that submitted proposals in response to the district’s Request for Qualifications.

Leadership Changes
To ensure that school leadership was in place and ready to inform staffing decisions for 2014-15, this week we announced several principal changes for next fall:

- Elizabeth Vigil will move from California Middle School to Rosemont High School.
- Leise Martinez will move from Rosemont High School to Sacramento New Technology High School.
- Andrea Egan will move from Phoebe Hearst Elementary School to California Middle School.
- Eric Chapman will move from Sacramento New Technology High School to Leataata Floyd Elementary School.
- Tiffany Smith-Simmons will move from Harkness Elementary School to a director position in Human Resources, replacing Carol Mignone Stephen, who retired. This change is effective immediately.
- Isabel Govea will move from John F. Kennedy High School to Harkness Elementary School, also effective immediately.

Infinite Campus Training Update
Training sessions for the new Infinite Campus student information system begin next week. The sessions are organized by job description (Attendance Clerk, Office Manager, Teacher/Coach, etc.). Click here for the schedule.
Each school site has identified personnel to attend these sessions. Those employees should be receiving email invitations for appropriate sessions. If you believe you should be attending one of these trainings but have not been contacted, please contact your school administrator or supervisor.

Important dates in this process to remember are:

- April 11 (3 p.m.): The last day of Zangle use.
- April 12-20 (Spring Break): During the transition to Infinite Campus, neither Zangle nor Infinite Campus will be available for use.
- April 21: Infinite Campus goes live.

**Spring Testing**
Training and support for school site staff began this week as the entire district gets ready for the computer-based Smarter Balanced Field Test this spring. As you know, we are making significant shifts in our spring testing practices and procedures, not the least of which is getting used to a whole new set of state program names (CAASPP is the new STAR; Smarter Balanced is the new CST). Other testing prep work underway:

- Technical Assessment Specialists Shonna Franzella, Ted Wattenberg and Jennifer Ellerman visited and provided support to more than 25 schools this week.
- More than 130 CAASPP site coordinators and principals were trained on the online test Monday through Thursday.
- SCUSD’s Accountability team has assembled resources for teachers and principals on the website at [http://www.scusd.edu/caaspp-staff](http://www.scusd.edu/caaspp-staff). The page includes links to practice tests, videos for high school and middle school students, instructions for using MacBook Air, a keyboard commands for students, etc.
- Communications tools for discussing the new tests with parents and guardians are available at [www.scusd.edu/testing](http://www.scusd.edu/testing).