It’s been said that bringing people together is a beginning, keeping them together is progress and getting them to work together is success. This speaks volumes to me as I reflect on our work as a unified school district. Over the past few years, as we’ve struggled with the impacts of a financial crisis, divisions between some of us have taken hold. Yet despite disagreements, we remain united in our intentions to support students in attaining the best education.

I truly believe this district is poised to come out of this financial crisis, to come out of this divisiveness, in a very strong place. I have worked in education for 24 years and during most of this time I have served students in neighborhoods such as those in SCUSD. I understand what makes a strong district. I believe that SCUSD has the foundation to be a strong district.

Our foundation rests on the people who serve our students. You are the most committed, hard-working people I have ever worked with and for. However, to move this district forward we need to come together and support each other in our individual work. That means everyone: Classified, certificated, administration, parents, community and business. Working together is success. I am confident that if we have each other’s backs, we can achieve this goal. - SN

Online Superintendent Search Survey
An online survey has been posted to gather input from all stakeholders on the desired characteristics of a permanent superintendent. Click here to access the survey. In addition, a community meeting on superintendent traits has been scheduled for April 7 at the Serna Center.

Infinite Campus/Spring Testing
Please don’t wait until the day of testing to make sure you know how to set up your Apple MacBook Air laptop carts. SCUSD’s
Technology Services is sending laminated instruction cards out to every school. Follow the step-by-step guide and conduct a trial run before your school’s official testing opens.

Also, a big thank you to site staffs who are learning together about both the new Smarter Balanced Assessments and the new Infinite Campus student information system. These are major initiatives and I appreciate the willingness of so many employees to make these transitions as easy as possible.

Important dates to remember are:
- April 7-May 16: SCUSD’s CAASPP testing window
- April 10-11: The state’s testing website is unavailable.
- April 11 (5 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.
- May 8-9: The state’s testing website is unavailable.

**LCAP Update**
SCUSD has a lot to be proud of when it comes to our efforts to engage stakeholders in discussions of priorities and resources in development of a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Nearly 1,300 people took the first LCAP survey. Staff, students and parents were well represented among the respondents. We also trained 135 Public Education Volunteers who spent weeks connecting with personal and professional networks on our goals and objectives – truly a grassroots approach that has paid off with a better informed community. Finally, every single school in the district held an LCAP discussion. As a result of our legwork, other districts are coming to SCUSD to find out how to involve the community in their LCAP processes. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

On March 20, we presented a draft LCAP – informed by our community feedback – to the Board of Education. The plan lists three broad goals for our district: College and Career Ready Students; Safe, Clean and Healthy Schools; and Family and Community Engagement. Each goal has “sub goals” tied to metrics and resources. With the LCAP draft now in circulation – click here to read it – we have launched a second survey to gather feedback. This survey has open response questions aimed at soliciting thoughtful and detailed responses to the various elements of the plan. Please take the survey when you have a moment.

In addition, there is another LCAP Advisory Committee public forum next week (6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2). We will be sharing the plan, holding conversations and recording feedback. I hope to see you there.

**Highway 50 Fix**
Do you take Highway 50 to get to work? The Fix50 W/X Viaduct project on Highway 50 near downtown Sacramento will begin April 22—two weeks earlier than originally planned – and during construction you’ll probably want to give yourself more travel time. Caltrans will announce tomorrow that, to reduce congestion, they will be keeping more lanes open during construction than originally planned. Rather than closing one side of the freeway at a time to do the work, at least two lanes on the construction side will stay open. All lanes in the opposite direction of the construction will stay open as well. Ramp closures will also be reduced. Eastbound construction will take place April 22 through May 21, with no work during Memorial Day weekend. Westbound construction will be May 27 through June 25. The
Fix50 project website, www.fix50.com, will continue to provide daily updated information regarding construction and project status. Follow @Fix_50 on Twitter and on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Fix50WX.