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**DATE:** August 1, 2014

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From the Office of the Superintendent

To the Members of the Board of Education

Prepared by: Barbara Kronick, Director of Integrated Support Services

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Subject: Health Services Changes

To allow school nurses to spend more time at schools serving students, Health Services will no longer provide tuberculosis (TB) testing to employees and volunteers, effective immediately. Also, beginning in September, nurses will no longer staff a centralized immunization clinic for students at the Enrollment Center. These changes will allow nurses to better meet the rising health care demands of students in high-needs neighborhoods, which will make campuses safer and healthier for everyone. Employees needing to update TB results should contact their health care providers.

Nurses will still immunize eligible students during the summer in preparation for the start of school. Eligibility rules are dictated by the county, which provides SCUSD with vaccines. Students who do not meet the requirements will be directed to community clinics and to SCUSD’s Connect Center for health care plan enrollment through Medi-Cal or other providers under the Affordable Care Act. Enrolling families will provide greater assurance that our students have a “medical home” where immunizations can be provided. SCUSD’s Immunization Clinic will be open two days a week in August for students who meet the following criteria:

- Are 18 year old or younger
- Are without health insurance or are enrolled in Medi-Cal
- Are of Native American/Native Alaskan decent

The clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. according to the following schedule:

- Tuesdays (August 5, 12 and 19)
- Thursdays (August 7, 14 and 21)
- Monday, August 25
- Wednesday, August 27

Approved by:

Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent  ☒  Date: 7/30/2014
The purpose of this Board Communication is to provide the Board of Education with the most recent publicly available SAT performance results. The SAT is widely used as one of several factors in the college admissions process and assesses students in critical reading, writing, mathematics. Each section is scored on a 200-800 point scale with a total possible score of 2400. The 2012-2013 SAT results for SCUSD’s grade 12 students along with county, statewide and similar district comparisons are presented below.

**SAT Participation**
- 40.1% of SCUSD grade 12 students (1,365 of 3,404) took the SAT, which is higher than the county average participation rate (36%) and similar to the state average participation rate (40.3%)
- Among similar districts, Oakland had the highest participation rate (48.4%) followed by Long Beach (38.5%), Stockton (34.8%), and Fresno (33.3%).
- Compared to last year, Stockton had the highest increase in participation rate of 3.15% while comparison districts, the county, and state showed moderate increases in participation rates ranging from .01-1.7%.

**SAT Performance**
- SCUSD grade 12 students reported an average total score of 1401, lower than both the county (1484) and state (1489) average total scores.
- Among similar districts, Long Beach reported the highest average total scores (1438) followed by SCUSD (1401), Fresno (1331), Oakland (1307), and Stockton (1287).
- Compared to last year, Sacramento County and Long Beach reported the largest increase in average total score (9 points) with Fresno reporting the largest decrease by (-12 points).
- SCUSD reported a 3 point increase, similar to the statewide average increase.
Approved by:

Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent  ☒  Date: 8/1/2014
From the Office of the Superintendent

To the Members of the Board of Education

Prepared by: Mary Hardin Young, Area Assistant Superintendent

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Subject: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at New Joseph Bonnheim

New Joseph Bonnheim Community Charter School will hold a celebratory ribbon cutting to mark the opening of the school. The ceremony will take place tomorrow (Saturday, August 2) from 10 a.m. to noon, with Board Member Arroyo delivering the keynote speech. Participants will be able to tour classrooms, learn about the curriculum and meet the petitioners and staff. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served.

Approved by:

Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent

Date: 8/1/2014
From the Office of the Superintendent

To the Members of the Board of Education

Prepared by: Gabe Ross, Chief Communications Officer
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Subject: Bee Stories on Board Stipends, Superintendent’s Pension

Sacramento Bee reporter Loretta Kalb is working on a Public Eye column piece that calculates the increase in Superintendent Banda’s pension should he retire at the end of his contract in three years. She is also following up on a previous story on Board stipends, verifying that all repayments have been made.

Approved by:

Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent
Date: 8/1/2014
From the Office of the Superintendent

To the Members of the Board of Education

Prepared by: Gabe Ross, Chief Communications Officer  Contact Email: gabe-ross@scusd.edu

Subject: Bee Story on St. HOPE

The Sacramento Bee is running a story this weekend reporting that Michelle Rhee has returned to the St. HOPE Public Schools Board of Directors (she is listed on the Board’s July 29 agenda as Chairman) and that former Board Chairman Enoch Woodhouse has been named Interim Superintendent. Mr. Woodhouse was formerly a vice president of Rhee’s StudentsFirst organization. The group will be looking for a permanent superintendent.

Approved by:

Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent  Date: 8/1/2014