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PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS THE FINAL BOARD UPDATE OF THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR. THE BOARD UPDATE WILL RESUME IN THE FALL.

Teaching and Learning

Governor Jerry Brown visited the Men’s Leadership Academy class at American Legion High School on Tuesday to learn about the promising program aimed at helping at-risk teens graduate from SCUSD prepared for college and careers. The Governor was informed about the Academy by Sacramento Police Chief Rick Braziel, who invited him to drop by for a session. Students told Governor Brown that they relied on the program’s adult leaders – including Principal Stan Echols – and their classmates for support as they work to overcome challenges. Others who attended Tuesday’s visit include SCUSD Trustee Patrick Kennedy, City Councilman Jay Schenirer and SCUSD Superintendent Jonathan Raymond. The Men’s Leadership Academy is modeled after a successful program in Long Beach. Participating SCUSD schools are C.K. McClatchy, John F. Kennedy and American Legion.

Operations

Area Assistant Superintendents/Accountability Office

Area Assistant Superintendents Lisa Allen and Sara Noguchi are stepping up to share the responsibilities of managing the Accountability Office in the wake of Chief Accountability Officer Mary Shelton’s appointment as Superintendent of the San Ramon Valley School District. As Ms. Shelton’s position was Cabinet-level, both Ms. Allen and Ms. Noguchi will be sitting in on Cabinet meetings. Meanwhile, the district will assess and review administrative roles in coming weeks to evaluate if adjustments are necessary moving forward.

Community Engagement

Summer Programs Gear Up

Summer of Service and Summer Quest, SCUSD’s two main summer programs for kids, begins next week. About 2,500 kids are signed up between the two programs. “Summer of Service” functions as a “bridge” transition program, familiarizing students with the campuses they’ll be attending in
the fall and with fellow students. At the conclusion of the program, students will exhibit their projects at a trade-show like fair. “Summer Quest” is an enrichment program for elementary school students. The program provides fun, hands-on learning activities in academics, the arts and healthy living.

Both programs are funded through the 21st Century grant for after-school programs and Linked Learning and Title 1 funds. Also, the district was awarded a $110,000 grant from the David and Lucille Packard Foundation to implement a third year of “Summer of Service.” Other support is provided by the nonprofit Partnership for Children and Youth and its national Summer Matters initiative.

Monday also marks the start of our Nutrition Services’ Summer Feeding program. Teens and children from the community are invited to eat breakfast and lunch at 35 schools and other sites around the district beginning Monday at 8 a.m.