



Board Update

From the Desk of Jonathan P. Raymond, Superintendent

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PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS THE FINAL BOARD UPDATE OF THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR. THE BOARD UPDATE WILL RESUME IN THE FALL.

Teaching and Learning

Project Green Awards Ceremony

Eleven SCUSD schools and McClaskey Adult Center were allocated bond funding for green school projects at the district's second annual Project Green Awards Ceremony held Wednesday evening at The Met. SCUSD's groundbreaking Project Green adds a real-world application to classroom instruction about the environment and sustainable living by allocating \$1 million in Measure Q bond funding to worthy projects. Schools across the district were encouraged to form student green teams to conduct green audits of school facilities. With the help of teachers, parents, district staff and local professionals, the teams then drafted recommendations for green improvements ranging from improving lighting to installing water-wise plumbing fixtures.

Students presented their recommendations to a panel of experts representing local non-profits that focus on creating healthy sustainable learning environments. The panel judged the exhibits, using scoring rubrics. The team from C.K. McClatchy High School scored highest for its presentation and report, which included a rationale for upgrading campus bathrooms with low-flow, dual-flush toilets, motion sensor fixtures and hand dryers. The judging panel made recommendations to allocate up to \$150,000 for these projects. In all, the 12 presentations were allocated \$1 million in bond funding.

Other allocations to potential projects were as follows:

Crocker/Riverside Elementary – up to \$120,000 (solar tubes and reflective paint)

Fern Bacon Middle School – up to \$120,000 (low-flow, dual-flush toilets, motion sensor fixtures and hand dryers)

A.M. Winn Elementary – up to \$100,000 (cool roof, skylights on multi-purpose room)

School of Engineering and Sciences – up to \$100,000 (solar tubes and benches)

Sutterville Elementary – up to \$70,000 (LED lighting)

Washington Elementary (project at Sutter Middle School) – up to \$70,000 (outdoor classroom)

Luther Burbank High School – up to \$70,000 (recycling bins and equipment)

McClaskey Adult Education Center – up to \$50,000 (air conditioning units in select rooms)

H.W. Harkness Elementary – up to \$50,000 (low-flow, dual-flush toilets, motion sensor fixtures and hand dryers)

American Legion High School – up to \$50,000 (exercise equipment and fencing for outdoor sports)

Isador Cohen Elementary – up to \$50,000 (outdoor classroom)

Congratulations to the winning schools!

Teachers of the Year, Classified Champions

Two SCUSD teachers – Stephanie Cook and Reza Mahvi -- have been selected to represent the district in the Sacramento County Teacher of the Year program. Ms. Cook teaches geography, economics and yoga at George Washington Carver School of Arts & Science. She manages a full-inclusion classroom and inspires students to develop empathy and social awareness through a variety of projects. She volunteers with students at the Sacramento County Juvenile Hall, organizes the school's annual World Cultures Fair and guides teens through the award-winning Poverty Project, key to Carver's civic learning.

Mr. Mahvi is a Special Education math teacher at Fern Bacon Middle School. Mr. Mahvi is tireless in his dedication to helping students master college and career-ready skills. He provides tutoring at lunch and after school and conducts home visits three times a week on average. He manages 28 IEPs, teaches Saturday school and collaborates with peers to write curriculum. As a result, 70 percent of his students tested proficient or advanced on the CSTs last year, a phenomenal accomplishment at a high-poverty school.

Our Classified Champions run the gamut from seasoned veterans to less experienced but fully committed staff. All have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to our students and families. They are:

- Maria Alfaro, Adult Education Data Information Technician, McClaskey Adult Center
- Christine Faith M. Bruno, Instructional Aide, Hiram Johnson High School
- Rosalva Carrillo, Office Manager, Washington Elementary
- Lanae K. Davis, Library/Media Technical Assistant, Fruit Ridge Elementary and Language Academy School
- Michelle R. Dickson, Instructional Aide, O.W. Erlewine Elementary
- Rosa Garcia, Office Manager, Edward Kemble Elementary
- Lyudmila Litvinchuk, Food Service Assistant
- Dorothy Lopez, Attendance Technician, John Still K-8
- Magda G. Martinez, Youth and Family Mental Health Advocate
- Lorena Poon, Home Visitor First 5 Home-Based Program
- Naychien Saechao, Teacher Assistant and Bilingual School Community Liaison, Hiram Johnson
- Aaron Williams, Campus Monitor, School of Engineering and Sciences

- Kristi A. Wynn, Controller-Bookkeeper, Health Professions High School
- Rebecca A. Zimmerman, Instructional Aide, Leataata Floyd Elementary

Operations

SCUSD's Summer Food Service Program Begins on Monday

SCUSD's free Summer Food Service Program begins on Monday at 38 sites throughout the region. The program includes breakfast and lunch served Monday through Friday through August 1. The free program is available to all children under 18 and persons over 18 who participate in a public or nonprofit private school program established for the mentally or physically handicapped. Please see <http://www.scusd.edu/nutrition-services> for the full list of sites and the schedule.

Community Engagement

Transition Update

This week brought a close to the blending and legacy activities held at the affected school sites. Staffs at closing sites are busy packing and readying their classrooms for the move. Additional support has been provided to each of the closing sites should staffs need help boxing, labeling or moving their personal items and items set to be transferred to new locations. The target date for teacher closeout is June 17. Teachers will be compensated for the June 17 closeout day.

Site Transition Team work has concluded for the summer although Rosa Parks K-8 will continue to meet to assist with details of building a comprehensive K-8 program. District staff and site staff will work collaboratively to identify best practices to be implemented for the coming year.

The Community Partners' Transition Committee has expressed an interest in continuing their involvement throughout the process. The next meeting for this group will be July 10 in the Parent Resource Conference Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The District Transition Support Team will also meet during the summer to continue the coordination of the work to be accomplished throughout the next few months.

Shweky, Whipple Honored for AIDS/HIV PREVENTION WORK

Lawrence Shweky and Pam Whipple, Integrated Support Services and Health Services Coordinators, accepted the Difference Maker Award on behalf of the Sacramento City Unified School District at the CARES Annual Strategic Initiative for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention. The event featured the efforts of CARES and their community partners to stop

the spread of HIV and to address the stigma that prevents people from getting the care they need. Mr. Shweky and Ms. Whipple were honored for their work in providing support services to LGBTQ students and promoting sexual health education and services for Sacramento area youth. Sacramento County is ranked third in the state for sexually transmitted infections in youth ages 15-24, and approximately one fourth of all new diagnoses of HIV are in youth ages 13-24.

LGBTQ Conference Draws Big Crowd

More than 250 school and community professionals attended SCUSD's 2nd annual conference on supporting LGBTQ students on Monday, June 3, at the Serna Center. Titled "No Time to Lose: A Professional Conference to Activate Change for LGBTQ Youth," the conference featured more than a dozen presentations, a youth panel, book fair and resource tables. Speakers included California State Assemblyman Tom Ammiano, chief author of Seth's Law (AB9), Joel Baum, Director of Education at Gender Spectrum and Carolyn Laub, Executive Director of the GSA Network. Major sponsors included UC Davis Health System, CARES, Kaiser Permanente and Sacramento County Behavioral Health and Sacramento County Child Protective Services.

Summer Matters Begins on Monday

SummerMatters, SCUSD's innovative slate of summer learning programs for kids and teens, begins on Monday. SummerMatters consists of several programs: SummerQuest for elementary school students; Summer of Service for incoming seventh, eighth and ninth graders; SoS Ambassadors for sophomores, juniors and seniors; and Summer at City Hall for high school students.

This will be the second year for the project-based SummerQuest program. The seven-week program for elementary school children provides them with an opportunity to participate in a meaningful and engaging summer learning program where they will meet new friends and get the support to strengthen their literacy, math, social science, healthy eating and physical activity skills. SummerQuest sites are: A.M. Winn, Bowling Green, Caroline Wenzel, Golden Empire, Hollywood Park, Nicholas, O.W. Erlewine, Marina Vista (Seavey Circle), Mark Hopkins, Tahoe, Washington, Woodbine, Fruit Ridge, Elder Creek, Phoenix Park Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club Teichert Branch.

Summer of Service combines community service and project-based learning with a traditional "bridge" program aimed at easing the sometimes scary transition to middle and high school. During the six weeks of Summer of Service, teens – many of them identified as at-risk for dropping out – engage with teammates and adult supervisors to identify a problem in their community and design and implement a community service project to address it. Last year, those projects ranged from tutoring younger students to installing gardens and assisting the elderly. Summer of Service sites are: Hiram Johnson, C.K. McClatchy, Luther Burbank, Kennedy, Rosemont, West Campus, Health Professions and SES.

The Summer of Service (SoS) Ambassadors are a key part of the SummerMatters experience. Ambassadors serve as leaders and mentors for the incoming students by building relationships with the participants and helping them get comfortable and get the most out of their SummerMatters at SCUSD experience.

Ambassadors also assist in the planning and leading of activities during the Summer Matters Programs at our Elementary, Middle and High School sites. At the end of SoS, the Ambassadors also serve as leaders during a two night/three day youth leadership camp at Sacramento State.

Summer at City Hall provides 11th and 12th grade students with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience while making a difference in their communities.

Selected participants get a chance to take advantage of working alongside decision makers to impact their city by working as an intern within a variety of City of Sacramento departments or with a community-based partner.

In addition to the experience of working at City Hall, participants that complete the six-week course and a 27-hour internship earn five high school credits and a stipend.

For more information on SCUSD's summer learning programs, visit www.summeratscusd.org.