

Weekly from Dr. Rudolph
October 9, 2023,

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with the department Chiefs
- Met with two Board members
- Held a Cabinet meeting
- Met with three department directors
- Held two Feedback Dialogue meeting
- Met with two site Principals
- Attended the MVEF Board meeting
- Help phone conference with Peter Gorman
- Participated in the SCCSA meeting
- Met with a representative from ALULA
- Attended the ASCD conference
- Attended the League of Innovative School conference
- Held a phone meeting with a parent

From the Director of Technology

- Supporting the school sites. In the past month, we have received 647 support requests and resolved 90% of those requests.
- David Harris, Tech TOSA, and I visited classrooms at Stevenson.
- Working on programming the new access control system for Stevenson and Theuerkauf sites now that the locks have been installed.

From the Public Information Officer

- Communications with resources re: Gaza-Israel
- Goal-setting meetings with direct reports (2)
- Significant work on public records requests (5)
- Green Ribbon Schools application writing
- Coordination of Emergency Response Safety training video (for all staff training) and answers to safety FAQ (for LT) (with CHRO Vikjord)
- New school videos and the new district video were soft-launched. You can view them [here](#) and [here](#) under each "school video" link

From the Director Equity

No report this week

Chief Human Relations Officer

No report this week

From the Chief Academic Officer Educational Services

On Monday, School Plans for Student Achievement drafts were posted to the District website for community and Board review. Trustees may request meetings with principals to review the plans before the November 2nd meeting, where they will be approved. Cathy also continued to work on updating board policies that are in need of review so that current versions can be uploaded to the District website. Cathy began work on the Universal PreKindergarten Presentation for the Board of Trustees. This presentation will review the Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) programs and provide time to discuss the implications of the expansion of TK on the District's facilities and budget.

Cathy facilitated the Differentiated Assistance meeting. The team met to review data collected during their first improvement cycle and to adapt cycle 2. Team members will attend a full-day training at the Santa Clara County Office of Education on November 3rd. Cathy also attended a webinar on the changes to Differentiated Assistance beginning with the release of the 2023-24 California Dashboard, which is anticipated for December 15, 2023.

On Tuesday, Cathy walked through classrooms Theuerkauf and Monta Loma with site principals. She visited all eleven schools on Thursday during their MTSS/UDC professional development time. Cathy met with all of her direct reports and attended the ELA curriculum adoption meeting.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

This week, Swati Dagar and Regina Aguas continued working with curriculum vendors to get Elementary ELA curriculum samples for the ELA Adoption committee to review. The committee has shortlisted 4 curriculum for in-depth review after going through the first round of shortlisting curriculum options using an MVWSD 'Must-Haves' rubric. Members of the Ed Services Team co-facilitated yet another ELA Adoption Committee meeting and visited school sites to observe MTSS- Universal Data Cycle implementation at the October 12th Professional Development Day. This week, Swati also started researching math pathway implementation in school districts across the County to understand how middle school math pathways are structured across districts as the District prepares to undertake a middle school math curriculum adoption in the 2024-25 school year.

CAASPP data from Spring 2023 became available to the public this week. Results can be accessed at <https://caaspp-elpac.ets.org>. Swati is working on collating the CAASPP data and preparing for a Board update at the November 2nd Board of Trustees meeting. Along with her regularly scheduled meetings, such as Cabinet meeting, and 1:1s, Swati led triad meetings with two Instructional Coaches and their Site Principals. She also participated in the Behavior Response team and the Differentiated

Assistance meetings. Swati facilitated a check-in with the Middle School coding teachers and the Techsmart consultants. Additionally, Coordinator Ellard and Swati Dagar had a site MTSS check-in with Principal Lambert.

Early Literacy

This week, the Early Literacy Team analyzed data from intervention cycle #1 and created action plans for cycle #2. Most students met their first cycle goals, and several students met the exit reading intervention criteria. More details will be provided in the Early Literacy Update to the Board in January. The Early Literacy teachers continue to provide professional development and coaching support to their instructional assistant team. Cyndee collaborated with Principal Olaciregui to support ELA's first instruction and reading intervention.

Cyndee worked with the Ed Services team on several projects, including co-facilitating a K-5 ELA curriculum adoption committee meeting and planning for the upcoming Multitudes Dyslexia research and beta testing at several school sites. Cyndee collaborated with CAO Baur and Director Kemper on the PK/TK curriculum adoption. She also met with PAUSD's Director of Literacy, Danae Reynolds, to learn more about the successes of their Every Student Reads Initiative.

Cyndee coached several administrators and participated in several meetings, including cabinet and 1-1 meetings with Dr. Rudolph and CAO Baur. Cyndee also attended a Science of Reading symposium, an International Literacy Association dyslexia workshop, and The Reading League's Knowledge Block, which will consolidate the learning into future professional development for leaders, coaches, and teachers.

MTSS and Dyslexia

This week, Acantha continued work on the MTSS rollout. She met with Director Aker to work on the MTSS screens in PowerSchool to improve useability and access for more staff. She met with Principal Lambert at Stevenson for their MTSS site check-in and Principal Flores-Aikey and Assistant Principal Thompson at Crittenden to collaborate on their Universal Data Cycle (UDC) training and Cycle 2 UDC development for staff PD day. She also met with the district office behavior team to work on the behavior response system. During staff development day, she also visited various sites to see the UDC training in action throughout the school district.

Acantha also continued work on universal screening. She met with the UCSF team and Principal Olaciregui to plan for the upcoming Multitudes fall research engagement at Mistral. Acantha also co-led the fourth elementary curriculum adoption committee meeting along with Directors Nguyen and Dagar. Acantha attended the weekly Ed. Services check-in and her 1:1 with Chief Baur.

Health and Wellness

This week, Coordinator White and Director Chang met with Pacific Clinics to discuss SLS services. Principal Galassi and Coordinator White met with a Graham student's social worker and support team to consider school-based mental health support. Coordinator White joined the MVWSD Board of Trustees meeting. Coordinator White participated in the weekly MVWSD-CHAC check-in and Special Education Department meetings. Principals Galassi, Flores-Aikey, and Coordinator White updated Sown to Grow middle school implementation proposals. Coordinator White also worked on Wellness Center expansion and SEL Workgroup planning.

Special Education and Support Services

No updates this week.

Federal, State, and Strategic Programs

Geoff Chang worked with colleagues this week to onboard and train one new At-Risk Intervention Supervisor and hire another for an unforeseen vacancy. With Judy Crates, Geoff is monitoring and offering training to both ARISes and principals as they align their work around student behavior. Geoff worked with Leticia Corcoran and Priscila Bogdanic on recruitment efforts for upcoming Parent University sessions, including the Seminario on Wednesday evenings. With Margaret Poor, he planned newcomer teachers' professional development for October 12 and worked on a partnership to bring in professional development for newcomer teachers on a regular basis. Geoff has also been preparing for a few upcoming evaluation meetings of probationary staff.

Perla Galeno and Jennifer Nunez have begun sending MVWSD+ after-school invitations to new qualifying families. They coordinated with district teams in order to assist in partner operators' response to a shelter-in-place order. They have also been coordinating with district partners to bring math tutoring to specific BTB programs in the district and are continuing to recruit, hire, and train afterschool staff.

Margaret Poor conducted a Zoom training for teachers on Content and Language objectives, revised the newcomer tracking system to show compiled data, researched the new interim ELPAC assessments, and provided direct support to various teachers across the district. Priscila Bogdanic closely tracks McKinney-Vento attendance and has set up meetings for students who miss three or more consecutive days, regardless of reason. She has also been preparing for the next DELAC meeting with Geoff Chang, participated in Parent U Seminario, and presented the annual McKinney-Vento training for the Imai staff.

Preschool

No updates this week.

From the Chief Business Officer

Capital Projects

The CBO met with John Marchant from the City to provide an updated cost of the park restroom project. John also indicated that the City would send a letter about its intention to upgrade the playground at Monta Loma and replace non-native trees in collaboration with the District.

The HVAC replacement project phase 3 at Bubb, Imai, and Landels Library will occur starting 10/12 and be completed by Saturday, 10/14. Testing and Air Balance will take place the week of 10/16.

The pre-construction meeting for phase 1 of the Vargas outdoor learning project will take place on 10/17. Phase 2 is looking to be over the original budget due to more site work than originally

Business Services

The budget team is working on budget development for the first interim and met with a couple of program directors and school principals for budget review. We processed the Child Nutrition claim for the month of September. We also sent the claim file to Santa Clara County for the SLS program. We finalized the report for ESSER, which is due at the end of the month. Completed CCEIS budget report. Completed the report for CBEDS for the district demographics.

Meetings/trainings attended:

- CBO held 1:1 meetings with the Director of MOT, the Director of Child Nutrition, the Director of Fiscal Services, and the Budget Analyst
- CBO held capital projects weekly meeting
- CBO attended the Green Ribbon accreditation meeting
- CBO and Director of Fiscal services participated in the Parcel Tax Oversight Committee meeting
- CBO and Director met with the Director of Federal and State programs and the Preschool Director for a budget review
- Processed board agenda items
- Processed several public records requests
- The director and budget analyst met with Principals from Lanadels, Graham, Castro, and Mistrial for a budget review
- The director and Budget Analyst met for a weekly check-in

Child Nutrition

This week is National School Lunch Week. President John F. Kennedy, in 1962, declared National School Lunch Week. The National School Lunch Program dates back to 1946 and was created to provide nutritious meals to low-income families who might not have access to a daily meal. The NSLP plays a critical role in the health and success of American youth, but many people still don't understand the importance of some families who could benefit from it. Today, the NSLP serves nearly 30 million children every school day. Not only does it reduce childhood hunger, but also supports American agriculture.

The week-long celebration aims to increase student participation and spread the message to parents that we are serving healthy, delicious meals for breakfast and lunch. The USDA joins students, parents, schools, communities, and partners across the country in recognizing National School Lunch Week, as proclaimed by President Biden, and National Farm to School Month. "USDA is committed to giving students the nutrition they need to reach their full potential by empowering schools to continue serving delicious, healthy meals," said Secretary Vilsack. This initiative will support schools with meal procurement, including the development of tools and training.

This week, we served salad and fruit bars, Heirloom cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, baby carrots, strawberries, cantaloupe, stone fruits, apples, orange wedges, lunch bunch grapes, broccoli, and assorted lettuces in salads.

Meetings/trainings attended:

- CBO 1:1
- Bay Area School Nutrition Directors Group Meeting
- Child Coalition Bimonthly Meeting - Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley

Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation

This week, the Maintenance team has been busy on work orders and projects around the District. The Grounds team has been working at the school sites, weeding, trimming bushes, and fixing irrigation leaks around the District. They have started installing first-aid backpacks in all rooms across the district. The team is utilizing the nonschool days to pick up leaves and deep clean restrooms and lunch tables.

Meetings/trainings attended:

- Campus walks Crittenden, Mistral, D.O, Imai, Monta Loma, & Stevenson
- Transfinder

- Safety Training
- 1:1 with the Chief Business Officer
- Work order check-in

The current work orders received and closed this week are as follows:

- Received - 44
- Closed - 36