

Weekly Update from Dr. Rudolph
Week of October 24, 2022

The Superintendent's Message:

State Reimbursement: We just received word that we will receive a reimbursement grant from the State for Modernization Castro / Mistral. The total amount reimbursed from the state is 4.3 million dollars. Dr. Westover is investigating where and how the District can appropriate the funds.

CSBA Advocacy trip to DC: Several trustees expressed interest in attending this trip. Typically, the first question is whether this is subject to the Brown Act, meaning more than 3 people can attend, and the answer is no. Attending events is not considered a Brown Act Violation unless you are taking action during the event. So every trustee could attend, or only those who have availability. I am asking that you let Nancy know by November 11th so that we can reserve a spot

The Superintendent's Calendar in Review

- Met with representatives of MVEF
- Met with the ILO group
- Met with
- Held three Feedback sessions
- Held a Cabinet check-in
- Led the DAC meeting
- Participated in the Emergency Disaster Drill
- Met with MVEA
- Met with the office of Jack Schreder
- Met with the one Board member
- Met with the Board President

From the Director of Technology

- Supporting the school sites. In the past month, we have received 571 support requests, and we have resolved 81% of those requests.
- David Harris, Tech TOSA, and I visited classrooms at Vargas.
- For our standby generator project, we received DSA approval and are working on getting the inspectors for the project so we can start construction.

From the Public Information Officer

- Talking points for CAASPP scores and media interview
- Staff housing event planning and construction site visit
- Two public records requests
- Check-in with one principal
- Earthquake drill and communications
- Partnered with City on school commute survey to students and parents
- Safety Update presentation and task force planning

Director of Equity

No updates this week.

Chief Human Relations Officer

This week, MVWSD held the planned safety events. The District Earthquake Drill was held on Thursday, October 27. Feedback surveys were sent to all staff members in order to gather information and improve practices and preparation for the future.

The Student Services team has been preparing for Open Enrollment in January.

The Human Resources department has been reviewing hiring practices and preparing for recruitment opportunities. The team also continues processing volunteer applications for sites. They have communicated with applicants who have not yet completed their applications in order to help keep the process moving for parent and community volunteers.

The COVID team has processed 8 positive student cases and 1 positive staff case this week. The COVID designees participated in the monthly County designee training to remain updated about COVID related practices.

From the Chief Academic Officer

Educational Services Update

This week Cathy finalized drafts of the School Plans for Student Achievement. She and Director Dagar worked together to get all drafts posted on the District website and ready for review by the Board of Trustees. On November 17, school plans will be on the agenda for the meeting of the Board of Trustees for approval. Cathy also worked with Director Dagar to finalize the CAASPP assessment report for the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting. The report details District and site results of the ELA and Math SBAC assessments that were administered in May. Results were publicly released on Monday. She attended first interim budget meetings for preschool, the Extended Learning Opportunities Grant (ELOG), and Beyond the Bell. On Thursday, Cathy fulfilled her role as Operations Chief in the District emergency drill. Cathy met with her direct reports and attended the Ed. Services check-in meeting and the cabinet meeting. Cathy walked through classrooms with Principal Keirns at Castro to observe instruction.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Swati Dagar facilitated the in-person Discovery Education Professional Development session for STEAM Teachers, Instructional Coaches, and Elementary Site Administrators this week in the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment department. This Professional Learning session focused on how Discovery Education resources can support a transdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning as we continue to build a STEM Culture. Swati worked with Chief Academic Officer Baur and other Ed Services Directors as the team finalized the Board update on CAASPP assessment data. She also led the monthly Instructional Coaches Meeting. Director Jinbo joined for a part of the Instructional Coaches meeting and conducted a professional learning session on Understanding and Supporting Student Behavior. Swati participated in and fulfilled her role and responsibilities for the Districtwide Emergency Drill. She participated in her standing meetings and commitments below:

- 1:1 check-in with Chief Academic Officer Baur
- Cabinet Meeting
- Cabinet Check-in meeting with Superintendent

MTSS and Dyslexia

This week Acantha continued work on the draft plan to support students with dyslexia. Acantha also developed a refresh Universal Screening and Task Administration training for site staff who will be directly involved in screening students, a follow-up to a training provided to site teams in early fall. The refresh training will be provided to staff in November.

Acantha visited Vargas Elementary and met with Principal Taylor to discuss and collaborate on supporting students' reading needs at his school. She also met with Coordinator White to collaborate on his work with the Coordination of Services Team at Castro in order to glean information that will support the future rollout of MTSS in our school district. Acantha continued work on the MTSS structures and forms in preparation for future rollout.

Acantha also met with Chief Baur for a weekly 1:1 and participated in the weekly Educational Services team meeting.

Expanded Learning

ELOP began Oct. 17 at CA/MI and TH/ST and has been running smoothly. More families were invited as replacements for families that declined, and the new families will start next week. At TH/ST an additional class will begin the week of November 7. As Right at School recruits additional staff, we can continue to open classes at CA/MI.

In Learning Recovery, the PSA for Paper to use in writing instruction at the middle school will come to the Board on November 3. Elementary classes will begin with the remaining FEV hours in November. Staff training will take place in mid-November. Principal Olaciregui has returned, and Terri Lambert met with her daily to transition.

Terri participated in the following:

- ELOP planning meetings with Director Chang
- ELOP planning meetings with RAS and YMCA
- Meetings with Paper and FEV staff
- Transition meetings with Principal Olaciregui
- Site Visit by Los Altos School District to Theuerkauf RAS room
- ELOG Budget Meeting
- Earthquake Simulation Drill at Mistral
- Executive Coaching session
- Summer School Planning with Director Chang and Director Jinbo
- ELOP planning with Director Aker

Health and Wellness

This week Coordinator White continued to visit school sites to discuss LSWP Nutrition Promotion and Education goals and Sown to Grow implementation. Coordinator White met with Director Jinbo and Joanna Carson-Young from CHAC to discuss ongoing grief support

for Crittenden, Stevenson, and Theuerkauf. Coordinator White continued to work with Castro staff on COST implementation and met with Principal Keirns to plan related staff professional development. Coordinator White and Director Jinbo presented to parents on MVWSD SEL priorities and related home-based practices at Parent U.

Special Education and Support Services

This week Director Jinbo collaborated with Coordinator White to present Social Emotional Learning at Home and School at Parent University. The Special Education Team continued to support school teams with IEP meetings documenting accommodations and modifications for ELPAC and state testing. Grief supports continued at Crittenden Middle School this week, with Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) providing drop-in calming space support during break and lunch for students and staff.

Director Jinbo collaborated with Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Special Education Administrators to discuss and plan Spring Articulation meetings. Subsequent meetings will follow. Director Jinbo and the Special Education Coordinators met as a department this week as well as 1:1. Director Jinbo also met with Behavior Analysts in their bi-monthly meeting. Director Jinbo participated in Cabinet and Education Services check-in meetings as well as attended IEP meetings.

State and Federal Programs

This past week Geoff Chang visited Landels classrooms with Principal Dolmans and Margaret Poor to observe the progress of designated and integrated ELD. With the interview team, he met with candidates for the open ARIS and SCEF positions. Geoff also assisted Swati Dagar and Cathy Baur in updating and adding details to parts of the CAASPP update to the board and supported principals with the EL-related portions of their Site Plans. He and Terri Lambert continue to meet and work together regularly on the expansion of ELOP across the district - as part of this effort, they meet weekly with Right At School and YMCA to check in on program status, registration, and hiring targets. With SCEFs Yesica Lepe and Susan Morales, Geoff helped produce this week's Parent University Speaker Series event: Social Emotional Learning at School and Home, featuring Coordinator Brian White and Director Karin Jinbo. Geoff also supported the administrators at Crittenden and Stevenson with various student-related concerns and coordinated SIOP training for our instructional coaches.

Priscila Bogdanic continues her varied projects for McKinney-Vento families and district EL families in general, as well as assisting with DELAC and the Parent University Seminario. Meanwhile, Margaret Poor held an ELD teacher training session this week and presented it at Monta Loma's staff meeting. Her primary efforts concern resources and training for all teachers, updating a PD dashboard with more sessions as they arise. One of her ongoing projects is a resource website for all teachers focused on language development. Leticia Corcoran continues to monitor incoming students who may be English Learners, facilitating initial testing and other logistics. She is preparing for the spring ELPAC summative and collaborating with the Special Education department for students who need accommodations. It is also RFEP monitoring season, and she sent out over 350 monitoring forms to teachers and school staff this week. Trimester 1 report card translators have also

been assigned--Leticia keeps track of all district-level interpretation and translation needs, which also include hiring and onboarding new translators/interpreters.

Preschool

For over a decade, we have partnered with the Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) to provide music and art classes to our preschoolers. CSMA staff visit our classrooms each week with activities that expand and enrich the experiences normally facilitated by their teachers. This year's CSMA classes began two weeks ago the kids are really enjoying them.

The Local Early Education Planning Council (LPC) has begun planning the data collection process for our upcoming county Needs Assessment as mandated by the CDE. The Needs Assessment report will provide information on early learning and childcare availability, access, and need for families in Santa Clara County. Needs assessments are conducted every five years in every county throughout California and are used to help make fiscal decisions in early education, including which zip codes receive priority funding.

Terri Kemper's calendar in review:

- Attended CDE Transitional Kindergarten webinar
- Attended district Huddle meeting
- Participated in LPC Communications & Outreach subcommittee meeting
- Participated in LPC Needs Assessment kick-off meeting
- Held check-in meeting w/office staff
- Held goal-setting meetings with classified staff
- Met with Principal Lambert and Principal Keirns to review emergency drill procedures for CA/LM/MI
- Met with Principal Williams to discuss TK teacher support and professional development
- Met with Coach Kate O'Malley and Coach Natalie Gallagher to discuss TK teacher support and professional development
- Check-in meetings with teachers
- Participated in district/preschool 1st interim budget meeting
- Hubbe system data input for Quality Rating and Improvement System/Quality Matters
- Attended Licensing Provider webinar
- Reviewed classroom data tracking progress for state preschool program compliance

From the Chief Business Officer

Business Services

This week the payroll team finalized payroll for the month of October. The budget team met with Crittenden, Castro, and Mistral principals to review their budget site allocation. We also met with the director of Preschool, Child Nutrition, MOT, and Technology for budget review.

Meetings/Trainings attended:

- CBO held 1:1 meetings with the Director of Fiscal Services, the Budget Analyst Director of MOT, and the Director of Child Nutrition

- Board agenda items
- Director and Budget Analyst met for a weekly check-in
- Participated in the Earthquake Drill
- The budget team met with two principals and five directors to review their budget in preparation for the 1st interim budget report.

Capital Projects

We received permission to operate from PG&E at Monta Loma, so we have started producing power and reducing our energy bill. All of our security cameras have been installed, and we are continuing to meet with school sites to adjust angles and possibly add additional cameras as needed.

Last week we met with Carducci and the principal at Vargas to discuss greening the campus. They will make adjustments to the plan based on feedback from Vern. We will then share the possible plans with the community and board for feedback.

Child Nutrition

This week our area had a moderate earthquake. The school kitchens had no damage.

Our farmers notified us that due to previous weather conditions, they are experiencing crop yield losses, and assorted lettuces will be harder to find and will be at a higher price. This week we served assorted local lettuces, English Cucumbers, bagged carrot coins, cherry tomatoes, heirloom tomatoes, broccoli, pears, apples, and bananas.

Last week the White House *announced its commitment* to improving food access and affordability, prioritizing nutrition, food security, physical activity, and increasing nutrition and food security research.

Taking small steps forward with simple ingredient scratch cooking and local procurement will support our nation's kids and positively impact the planet.

Our menu for November increases scratch meals and local procurement.

Meetings/Trainings attended:

- Huddle
- Vanco Demonstration
- Child Nutrition 1st Interim budget

Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation Department

This week the Maintenance and Utility Teams have been working on work orders as well as supporting the school sites with custodial duties. The Ground team has been trimming bushes, cleaning campuses, and doing work orders. MOT attended the Emergency preparedness drill at the school sites on Thursday, and the team started replacing the HVAC filters District-wide.

Meetings/Trainings attended:

- Campus walks Imai, Mistral & Graham.

- 1st interim budget meeting
- Campus walks with Grounds Monta Loma & Crittenden

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

- Received - 39
- Closed - 53