

# **West Sonoma County Union High School District**

**Keller McDonald, Superintendent**

## **District Accomplishments Highlights for 2011-2012 Provided to the Board on June 27, 2012**

### **CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT**

*(District Goal) Developed and implemented alternative approaches to school organization, staffing and instructional delivery to enable the District to maintain or expand diverse, high-quality instructional programs for students even with declining enrollment, declining fiscal resources and rising costs.*

Started integrating online curriculum and instruction into independent study

Helped develop and support

- Regional ROP classes (health sciences, water and energy management, CISCO networking)
- Grade K-16 Career Development System in West Sonoma County
- Partnerships between WSCUHSD and post-secondary institutions
  - Tech Prep program with SRJC and Sonoma State
  - Cal-PASS program with Sonoma State, SRJC, SCOE, UCD, and others
  - Early Assessment Program (EAP) with Sonoma State
- Achievement gains for minority students through Aiming High program

Improved curriculum, instruction and assessment

- Solar education staff development for District teachers
- Aligned sex and HIV/AIDS education instructional materials and curriculum delivery with state standards, frameworks and Board Policy
- Restructured special education support classes from “Study Skills” to “Directed Studies” without changing course descriptions
- Environmental Studies class at El Molino
- Ecology Action class at Analy
- Project Make class at Analy
- State Seal of Biliteracy award

Participated in study of West County grade 7/8 middle school option

Completed WASC accreditation and developed 3-year school improvement action plans at Analy and El Molino

Adopted common block schedule at Analy and El Molino that allows shared classes and staff

## **ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Improved administration of STAR testing procedures

## **STUDENT SUPPORT**

Implemented second year of *District Student Wellness Plan for 2010-2013*

Through collaboration with six districts and multiple community organizations, secured ongoing funding for *Project Success Plus* student and family assistance program

Provided improved alcohol and other substance diversion and treatment referral programs

Implemented Pertussis immunization requirements as required of schools by new state laws

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Completed first year activities to review potential disproportionality in District services and programs; developed plan to help partner districts examine disproportionality

Improved quality and legal compliance of special education individual student plans

Reduced District financial contribution to Special Education budget

## **TECHNOLOGY**

Began change-over to web based Aeries student information system that will greatly enhance parent-school communication

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Communicated cost savings from adoption of coordinated school calendars to WSCUHSD stakeholders

Worked with Sonoma County Transit to improve county bus connections to high schools

## **FACILITIES**

Developed Measure I Facility Improvement timeline and funding plan

Completed District-wide solar project to meet district electricity needs

Initiated major roof repair projects at Analy and El Molino

Initiated tennis court improvements at El Molino

Presented conceptual design for Analy and El Molino sports field / bleacher projects

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Expanded employee health and wellness support programs, including expanded Employee Wellness Day

## **FISCAL MANAGEMENT and BUSINESS SERVICES**

Balanced District budget for 2011-12

- Partnered with employee groups to reduce salary costs by reducing workdays
- Restructured transportation services to reduce costs by over \$100,000
- Secured California Solar Initiative funding (~\$1 million over 5 years)
- Completed successful District-wide solar power project (~\$250K savings annually)
- Reduced District contribution to special education costs

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Highlighted outstanding achievements of West County high schools by participating in Public Schools Week events with employee associations and other education partners