

County to Recognize Three WCCUSD Students at the 26th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Celebration- Marcus Walton

Students Rita Benitez and Maribel Munoz from Richmond High School and Raven Richardson from Pinole Valley High School will be recognized by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors as 2019 Youth Hall of Fame award winners. The ceremony takes place on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, from 11 am. to Noon as part of the 26th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Celebration in the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 651 Pine Street, Room 107, Martinez, CA. A flyer is attached.

Update and Next Steps on Reimagining Stege- Matthew Duffy

We are excited about the work we have done so far on Reimagining Stege. We received a lot of great ideas and feedback from the conversation with community leaders on Monday night and the Board study session on Tuesday and look forward to putting them into action.

Before I get into details about next steps, you should know that teachers at Stege have been provided with supplies. District staff worked with school leaders to ensure that each teacher has access to the supplies they need. In addition, a new copier was delivered this week as part of the copier upgrades taking place throughout the District.

Next week, district staff will meet to begin outlining the 18-month process. The input received from the meetings this week will be consid

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healthy choices available with school breakfast, West Contra Costa USD schools are recognizing National School Breakfast Week, which is March 4-8, 2019.

WCCUSD Students are encouraged to “Start their engines” next week with special breakfast menus, cafeteria events, and more. Students are challenged to create posters showing the importance of breakfast, new menu items and California grown fruit will be showcased.

Please join us, breakfasts are no charge to eligible students, \$1.75 for middle-school students at elementary schools and \$2.50 at all secondary schools, adults can purchase a breakfast for \$2.50 at elementary schools and \$2.75 at all middle and high schools.

“National School Breakfast Week helps us educate parents and students about all the healthy and appealing choices we offer”. WCCUSD serves over 8,000 breakfasts daily through the federally funded School Breakfast Program. Our school nutrition professionals in West Contra Costa prepare breakfast and lunches every day that meet federal nutrition standards – limiting fat, calories and sodium – and encourage students to choose from the fruits, vegetables and whole grains offered with school meals.

National School Breakfast Week was launched in 1989 to raise awareness of the availability of the School Breakfast Program, a federally assisted meal program operating in public and non-private schools and residential child care institutions.

For more information on WCCUSD meal programs go to www.wccusd.net Food services department or call WCCUSD Food Services at 367-0580



Food Services Produce Bid and Upcoming Program Enhancements Lisa LeBlanc

On March 6, 2019, District staff is recommending that the Board award produce bids to Daylight Foods (\$600,695) and Pacific Rim Produce (\$351,925). The awards will allow the District to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, up to that amount, for a period of one year but may be continued for up to three (3) one-year extensions at the option of the District. The District requested pricing on fresh fruits and vegetables, and also included organic certified as an option depending on pricing. This provides the District flexibility to enhance our fresh fruits and vegetables subject to budget availability. The bids comply with the federal procurement requirements and will provide for our food program’s primary fruits and vegetables, our USDA Approved Unprocessed Fruit and Vegetable Program allocations, and our district’s Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grant serving California fresh local fruits and vegetables.

The Food Services Department has always been extremely proactive to make enhancements to the food we serve our students and stay within the Federal and State guidelines. Some of the key work that is underway includes the Conscious Kitchen program at Peres, the pilot program at Madera serving scratch cooked meals from the Central Kitchen, hiring a district culinary Chef, adding language to our proposal process to include organic products, and beginning coordination with The Good Food Purchasing Program. The Good Food Purchasing Program assists organizations in five

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core value areas: local economies, health, valued workforce, animal welfare, and environmental sustainability. Our first step is for them to perform an assessment of the District's FY2017/18 food purchasing program. Thereafter, we will provide an update to the board which will include a resolution setting forth district goals for our food program.

Forensic Accounting Investigation Implementation Review-

