

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES DECEMBER UPDATES

Carolynne Beno - Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

- Performed a curriculum crosswalk with California State University Northridge and the Yolo Solano Center for Teacher Credentialing to finalize preparations to launch an intern program for teachers pursuing a Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Teaching Credential in the 2020-21 school year.
- Reviewed the Empowering Possibilities International Charter (EPIC) renewal petition to determine if EPIC meets the charter school renewal criteria under Education Code Section 47607(b).
- Attended the first Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) training from the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) where we provided feedback around the current draft template and instructions. We are looking forward to official adoption of the new LCAP template by the State Board of Education in January, and are presently supporting our school districts with this transition.

Curriculum and Instruction / College and Career Readiness Department

Director, Deb Bruns

- The College and Career Readiness team will submit a K12 Strong Workforce Program (K12 SWP) proposal in December to continue our funding for the Yolo County Career Technical Education (CTE) System of Support.
- YCOE hosted a strategic planning workshop for district CTE coordinators.
- YCOE partnered with the Yolo Solano Center for Teacher Credentialing (YSCTC) to host the EASY (Equity & Access Strategies for Yolo) Community of Practice for instructional coaches across districts. The first meeting is on Wednesday, December 11th.
- On December 19th and 20th the Yolo County Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Leadership Team (11 members, including all districts) will attend the UDL Training of Trainers to prepare to provide training for Yolo County teachers.

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Department

Director, Gail Nadal

- Preparing for the annual Head Start budget development planning process in advance of writing the grant application, which will be due April 1st, 2020.
- The Local Planning Council (LPC) has been hosting focus group around Yolo County to gather community input on California's Preschool Development Grant. Focus groups are eliciting feedback about early childhood education from parents, local school districts, and tribal leaders.
- Continuing to meet one-on-one with our newly elected Head Start Policy Council representatives to provide orientation and training so that parents understand their new roles and responsibilities for the Head Start program.

Equity and Support Services

Executive Director, Micah Studer

- We are currently processing the released California School Dashboard data and are making preparations to provide Differentiated Assistance and Comprehensive and Improvement supports for our districts.
- We have completed two self-reflective sessions using the Fidelity Integrity Assessment (FIA) tool in our districts.

- We are currently coaching three Continuous Improvement teams from the Sacramento County Office of Education, Tuolumne County Office of Education, and YCOE.
- We continue to support and participate in the Bridge PLX team where all Professional Learning Network (PLN) facilitators engage with tools and strategies to further the work of the State's PLNs.

Special Education

Director, Jessica Burrone

- The Norcal Trykers will be at Greengate to help fix bikes on December 10th and plan to donate a bike to Greengate.
- Greengate staff and students have created a float and will be participating in Woodland's annual holiday parade on December 14th. During the parade, they will be passing out candy and recruitment flyers for our substitute staff pools.
- Two behavior technicians, which is a new position at YCOE, have been hired to support the special education programs.

Student Services

Director, Renee Collins

- Staff from GPS Enterprises have been working with youth at Cesar Chavez on gang awareness, friends, and respect in response to the rising gang-related incidents that have recently occurred in Woodland. CommuniCare has provided interactive workshops for students in November/December around sex/health education, and safe dating and relationships. Yolo County Health and Human Services is providing a 2-part workshop for staff on suicide prevention awareness in December/January as part of the Wednesday professional development time.
- YCOE will host a Youth College Night on January 17th at Woodland Community College. Financial aid experts and volunteers will support youth with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), California Dream Act Application (CADAA), and Chafee Grant. The event will be open to foster and McKinney Vento youth, as well as to the public.
- Krista Purdom, our program specialist supporting the Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Grant will be attending the regional Health Education Community of Practice as part of a Yolo County team and in conjunction with Yuba and Colusa County Offices of Education. Krista will assist with district and countywide-wide trainings related to new learning in the Community of Practice.
- Director Collins attended the Road to Resilience Networking Roundtable to launch a grant supporting expecting mothers and mothers of infants 12-months or younger who have a current or previous record of drug use in Yolo County. Partner agencies, including YCOE, can begin referring individuals for program eligibility beginning in January.