

West Contra Costa Unified School District

October 10-16: Week of the Administrators

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Fed up with mass quarantines, districts are looking for new approaches. Companies that set up large-scale testing programs say more school districts have expressed interest in surveillance testing since the Delta variant took hold in late summer. Last month, the district changed testing providers, and now does weekly rapid-antigen testing, with results in 15 to 30 minutes. Currently it's home-quarantining all close contacts, but intends to move soon to twice-weekly testing, and will allow those with negative results to come to school, Hurst said. But the promised 48-hour turnaround time for results stretched into as much as five days. That gap created a window of risk: people who'd been exposed were in school, circulating among others for several days, while they waited for results. "If I had it to do again, I'd go right to rapid-antigen tests" Hurst said.

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[Richmond school 'Self Care Day' aims to support mental health amid pandemic](#)

RichMinds joined a comprehensive coalition of local organizations in putting on a "Self Care Day" for students and parents at Nystrom Elementary... providing both lunch and resources to about 250 to 300 parents and students. The event featured the WCCUSD Rollin' Cafe Food Truck serving its new organic burgers, along with the raffling off of four bicycles and the donation of 20 gift cards from Target.