

West Contra Costa Unified School District

September 1: Back to School Night - Elementary Schools, Minimum Day

Contra Costa County is going to receive a Family Empowerment Center (FEC)! It was originally denied but the new budget signed by the Governor includes funds for Contra Costa County and other counties that were originally turned down. Advocacy by SELPA's and families of children with disabilities helped make this a priority. West Contra Costa SELPA and other SELPA's in the county wrote letters of support and advocated on the importance and need for our families of school age children with special needs. Kudos to Hannah Michaelsen, Program Director at the CARE Parent Network. For more information about CARE Parent Network check out their website [_____](#)

The Educational Services department is providing a brief update to the board on the different instructional materials processes and types of approvals.

- _____ for all-district core curriculum. We go through a curriculum review process with central and school site staff. Select teachers pilot the curriculum with their students in the classroom and recommendations are presented to the Board for approval.
- _____ for small courses, such as one course at one or two sites, are added to the district [Adopted Materials list](#). The list is on the Board Consent Calendar once or twice a year.
- _____ The Textbook Sufficiency hearing is held by the Board in late September or early October. Every teacher in every school is asked to sign an affidavit acknowledging that students have their instructional materials. Staff fills insufficiencies prior to the public hearing.
- _____ is an in-person review in August & September of 26 sites by CCCOE. In addition to instructional materials, facilities and teacher credentialing are evaluated. Results are presented to the Board in late fall.

Eight students from three WCCUSD high schools recently completed the Summer Legal Fellowship Program coordinated through the Center for Youth Development through Law. These students interned with firms and organizations throughout the Bay Area including: East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, Bay Area Legal Aid, Root and Rebound, Contra Costa Public Defender, Contra Costa County District Attorney, Family Violence Law Center, Adibi IP Group, PC, and the Services, Immigration Rights, and Education Network.



Many of our pathways were organized under and are supported by the California Partnership Academy grant program. Part of that program model includes supporting students to obtain internship experiences. In order to provide high quality paid internships for students, we rely on funding support from grants, employers and generous donations from partners. The Center for Youth Development through Law, for example, raises significant private funding each year to be able to provide student interns with stipends for their work. College & Career staff also submitted a grant application in July to the Department of Health Care Access and Information for \$500,000 to support internships for students in our healthcare pathways.

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Congratulations to Finy Prak and her staff on their WASC Accreditation! The Accrediting Commission
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The PIP is only available at the request of The district. Individuals may not apply directly to the Commission for this document. Holders of the PIP are restricted to service with the employing agency requesting the permit.

The PIP is available in the areas of Multiple Subject, Single Subject, and Education Specialist. Individuals who were issued four or fewer Long-Term Emergency Permits may be issued the PIP as long as the employer requirements have been met. Individuals who were issued five Long-Term Emergency Permits do not qualify for the PIP. The PIP will be issued for one year.

Short-Term Staff Permit (STSP)

Short-Term Waivers give districts the ability to cover unanticipated, immediate and short-term needs. This waiver allows employers to assign teachers who hold a basic credential to teach outside of their credential authorization for one semester or less with the teachers' consent.

Variable Term Waiver

The Variable Term Waiver is a document issued for employers who meet the waiver criteria when a fully credentialed teacher is not available for the assignment. It allows the employer to fill the assignment while searching for a fully credentialed teacher in the subject area of the assignment and gives the waiver holder additional time to complete requirements.

[Soulful Softball Sunday returning with expanded field of teams - Richmond Standard](#)

This softball tournament gets straight to the soul of the Richmond community.

The popular Soulful Softball Sunday will return to Nicholl Park on Sunday, Aug. 28, with an expanded field of 11 teams from around the Bay Area, all vying for the annual Mayor's Cup Challenge Trophy. Soulful Softball Sunday is more than a single event. The organization has hosted a number of charitable community fundraising events. When schools closed during the pandemic in March 2020, it worked collectively with the West Contra Costa Unified School District to distribute millions of meals to families in need.

[Juveniles arrested, investigation ongoing in Richmond school break-ins | Richmond Confidential](#)

Police have arrested four juveniles and are looking for others who they say are connected to break-ins at five West Contra Costa Unified School District buildings last month, smashing windows arremuin need.

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The juveniles who were arrested late in July and early this month ranged in age from 12 to 16 years old, said Sgt. Aaron Pomeroy of the Richmond Police Department. He said police are still gathering evidence and working to identify other suspects. ~~MMMMMM~~