



Superintendent's Report
April 8, 2019

Great work is happening throughout the organization. This report is meant to highlight several of the functional areas with updates for the Board of Directors:

Business Services

- Finance:
 - Insurance renewal meetings will begin in April for Workers Comp, Property, Liability and D&O coverage. CCS should be able to take advantage of lower rates as a result of no claims in the current school year. Proposals will be available for review in June.
 - Investment ladder has matured with JP Morgan Chase. We have rolled these funds over per policy. *See enclosed portfolio report.*
- Information Technology:
 - We are working on implementing Clever, a single sign-on portal, for staff and scholars next year. Clever will be a central hub where everyone can access a number of the different sites the school uses.
- Human Resources:
 - The HR team participated in the Tulare County Office of Education Spring Online Teaching Careers Fair (for Los Angeles) on March 13th and 14th. We were able to add a number of resumes to the pool of qualified candidates for our open positions.
 - Organizational changes have transpired since the last meeting. *See enclosed worksheet.*
- Operations:
 - 2018-19 enrollment has closed. We currently have 1,739 scholars active in the SIS. We have maintained steady growth as this is 369 more scholars than what we certified for Fall 1 (enrollments on or before October 4). As of March 29, we have 1,026 scholars that have indicated they will be returning to CCS for Fall 2019!
 - CalPADS Fall 2 has been certified for our three charters according to the deadline. We reported a total of 71 EL scholars.
 - We completed our 2018-19 interim audit with Christy White Associates, which included a review of a sample of scholar files including master agreements, attendance claims, work samples, free and reduced programs, home language surveys, personnel files, and fiscal controls.
 - The CAASPP testing window opened last Monday, April 1 and closes this Friday, April 12. We have a total of 1,045 eligible scholars that we will be testing throughout our service areas. This year we are offering 19 locations along with a variety of test participation incentives and support measures.

Personalized Learning

- Counseling Services:
 - Counseling Services will continue the tradition of hosting a Decision Day celebration with graduating seniors on Wednesday, May 1st. The celebration is a time to recognize scholars who have made the commitment to continue their education after high school to attend a university, community college, other educational institutions, as well as training programs or join the military.
 - Counselors will host presentations for rising 6th grade and 8th grade scholars in early May to share an overview of the programs, get them excited about the opportunities that await them in middle and high school, and ensure a smooth transition.
- Engagement:
 - Over 40 scholars enjoyed the overnight AstroCamp field trip last month. Scholars participated in indoor and outdoor science projects including building rockets, zip lining and a few team building activities, too.
 - In March, several scholars joined Mrs. Kristen Winter, online high school teacher, for a Scholar Virtual Workshop about health and fitness.
- Exceptional Scholar Services:
 - Special Education instructors, general education teachers, and administrators joined together to create a Performance Indicator Review (PIR) "task force," supported by our El Dorado SELPA, to create a plan for all three charters to increase test participation for scholars with Individual Education Plans (IEP) in the areas of English Language Arts and math.
 - This department experienced a growth in the number of incoming scholars with more serious mental health challenges that require different types of supports outside of their academics, such as scholar and parent counseling and behavior plans, to best support these scholars while they learn at home. The team is working with the Counseling Services Department to support these scholars but is seeking other solutions as well.
- Online Learning:
 - Our 8th grade scholar recruitment for AVID 9 is underway. Recruitment will include recommendations from our 8th grade teachers as well as opportunities for scholars and learning coaches to self-advocate to join the program. AVID information sessions are scheduled in April, and the Parent Town Hall in early May, and will highlight key aspects of the AVID program to build interest and enthusiasm.
 - We are continuing to plan for the second year of our Summer School program. Summer School will run from July 1 through August 9. The six-week program will be available to both enrolled and non-enrolled scholars. Currently, we have over 120 scholars interested in attending.
- Options Learning:
 - Plans are in the works for rolling out an A-G approved program for Options high school scholars for next school year. We will start with submitting primarily 9-grade courses for approval then expand to courses

typically taken in higher grade levels. We believe this will make Compass a worthwhile and attractive choice for more middle and high school homeschooling scholars.

- Regional Lead Educational Facilitators hosted park meet-ups in the Fresno, Los Angeles, and San Diego areas last month. These in-person gatherings gave families and staff the opportunity to connect and foster a sense of community, a desire felt among most homeschooling families.

Executive

- Our Professional Learning Sub-Committee hosted our second In-Service Day on Friday, March 15th. All sessions were hosted by our staff, with slides and recordings made available for easy reference throughout the school year. *See enclosed agenda.*
- Our fourth *Compass Chronicle* newsletters of the year were published for Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Options families on Thursday, March 21st. The newsletter highlights important events as well as spotlights some families, staff and scholars. *See enclosed newsletters.*
- A Planning Survey was sent to all stakeholder groups, to solicit feedback for both the LCAP and to plan for the upcoming year.
- I am honored to have been invited to serve on State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond's Transition Team for both his Improving Data Collection Committee and Professional Development for Educators Committee.
- We have appealed the denial our CCS of Fresno charter renewal petition to the Fresno County Board of Education. Our community participated in their March 21 Public Hearing, and will be present for their April 18 where they will take action on the appeal.
- We have submitted our petition to Winters Joint USD for the establishment of CCS of Yolo. We will participate in their Public Hearing on Thursday, April 18, where their board will also take action on our petition.

A lot of great work is taking place, thanks to our dedicated staff, to continue to improve the educational experience we provide our scholars. My thanks to our team for everything they do each and every day.

Respectfully Submitted,



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