

Superintendent's Report, 8/12/21 Board Meeting:

Student Achievement:

- Increase CTE opportunities as well as enhance an existing college and career going culture- AVC and AVID:

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

Met with Wendy Joyce- Partner Engagement manager with AVID for a possible collaboration to bring AVID to AADUSD. AVID provides a formal school-wide college and career readiness program. Discussed a tentative proposal and timeline over a three-year span (a future board meeting presentation can be scheduled).

- Met with Antelope Valley College Board president, Mr. Ed Knudson about a possible agreement between our district and AVC to expand opportunities for our VHS students. We are working together on an agreement to bring college courses to VHS for our students to have a leg up on college credits as well as another opportunity to expand on our career pathways with an agreement with AVC. Some example of career pathways opportunities are automotive, computer science, cyber security, health. etc.

Effective Instruction and Leadership:

- Parent Survey based on new legislative updates: AB 130/SB 130:
Independent Study

All LEAs must offer independent study in 2021-22. This requirement becomes optional after this current school year.

In response to the new mandate, a live parent survey launched during the week of 7/19/21 to notify all families of an Independent Study option as mandated by AB 130/SB 130. The survey closed on 8/6/21. The survey will assess the number of families seeking the Independent Study option for fall '21.

- AB 104

On July 1, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 104 requiring School Districts to implement supplemental policies to help hold students harmless from the negative impact of the pandemic on student academic performance.

As an urgency measure, the bill does the following:

- Creates a process for parents to request that students receive a "Pass" or "No Pass" instead of a letter grade in the 2020-21 academic year and requires that CSUs accept those changed transcripts for admission purposes.
- Requires that students who were in their third or fourth year of high school in the 2020-21 school year and who are not on track to graduate within four years be exempted from local graduation requirements and be given the opportunity to complete the coursework required for graduation.

For the full text of AB 104, visit:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB104.

For the GRADE CHANGE APPLICATION SCHOOL YEAR 2020–2021, click here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XEacuilp2ZDjTWF-im8iYrPsKIMzQqUY/view?usp=sharing>

SEC. 2- 49066.5: A pupil shall submit an application pursuant to subdivision (b) to the pupil’s local educational agency within 15 calendar days of the local educational agency. **Deadline to submit the Grade Change Application to Vasquez HS is August 20, 2021.**

- All Staff PD scheduled for 8/19 and 8/20: Adhering to appropriate social distancing, allowing for non-crowded situations with plenty of break out and individual school staff planning, and of course masking indoors. We will be practicing and modeling the health and safety requirements put forth on our students by staff as we are expected to model expectations.

Thank you to the PD council team of Nicole Chun, Alexa Lepp, Ahsan Mirza, Kim Shaw, Chip Krolik, Michelle Van Ornum, and Nicole Salcedo for their tireless work and input putting the agenda together. Agenda includes:

Community Engagement:

- Outreach to the AADUSD community on July 1st. Introduction and Launch of “Listen and Learn, Together” tour:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TfzLBU4xNJas_nKyJbNofh0RaPwNMrADHOuAV6TdSLQ/edit?usp=sharing

I will be formally presenting my First 100 Day Plan based on the Listen and Learn, Together, endeavor at tonight’s board meeting.

- Outreach well underway with community stakeholders, e.g. Acton Agua Dulce News; PTSO representatives; ASMO; Acton Town Council, Antelope Valley Superintendents (Raul Maldonado, Joshua Lightle), and AVC College President, Ed Knudson.
- August 16th, at 6:00 pm- Parent Orientation meeting being held at VHS’s gym for all three sites.