

### **Golden Spotlight:**

We will resume with our Golden Spotlight recognitions on September 8<sup>th</sup> with a Vasquez HS recognition.

### **Community Minded Announcement**

- Troop 145 will be holding their Cub Night on September 1<sup>st</sup> between 6:30-8:30 pm at the Acton Community center. They are looking for new recruits. The event will have interactive demonstrations in knot tying, tent set-up, and other games.

Thank you to our community organizations for your information.

### **Supt report for August 25, 2022:**

This evening I will be covering the following strategic initiatives: Student Achievement and Community Engagement.

### **Student Achievement:**

Kudos to our wonderful certificated and classified staff for ensuring a very smooth first day back to school. They worked diligently to welcome back our students, staff, and families. We look forward to a successful and safe 22-23 school year. The opening of schools was very smooth at all three sites. Positive energy during my walkthrough of classrooms and offices.

Actual enrollment as of today, 1,008. Today we had 986 students physically at school (ADA), 16 students verified absent today, and only 6 unverified absences as of today. School front offices are making calls to the unverified absences. We are holding strong with overall enrollment numbers! With an increase of enrollment comes larger class sizes, primarily at Meadowlark and High Desert.

- My team and I are assessing class sizes daily. A review of staffing allocations will occur on Tuesday, 8/30 as it is common practice at all districts once the enrollment numbers (and no-show students) are solidified. We will be looking into current staffing allocations as it reflects the larger class sizes, primarily at ML and HDS. Most districts do wait for early October, commonly referred to as norm day.

- My team and I also provide our guidance and input when it comes to the secondary schedule as part of checks and balances. For instance, we cross-

reference teaching assignments to credential authorizations. We intervene if there is a misalignment of a teaching assignment. This happened to be the case at HDS.

### **Community Engagement:**

Prior to the start of the new school year, we held our annual Welcome back breakfast at Vasquez High Scholl on August 16th. The focus of the kick-off provided our community and staff an overview of our signature programs, to include AVID, Alludo, and Paper. A team development activity was facilitated by counselor Ms. Ballesteros. Our marketing campaign was highlighted as well.

Special thank you to our Board Members for their support and participation, along with....

Sandy Madsen – (Acton Music Organization)

Tracy Costan - representing AAD News and President PTSO

Karen McNeil - Acton Women's Club President

Cindi Miller - Vice President Acton Women's Club

Tom Costan - Representing Acton Town Council

Heather Miliotti – Meadowelark PTO President

Adaliz Giron – High Desert Booster President

Corrin Bailey – High Desert Booster member

Those who assisted with the preparation of the breakfast:

Yolanda McCauley

Kelly Jensen - purchased the cakes for our school sites. We thanked the school sites and district office you for giving a 1000% percent. We are thrilled for reaching the 1,000 plus mark for our enrollment, up by 50 students from last year this time.

Tracy Costan and PTSO members assisted with serving the breakfast

Syid Ziadi - Prepared all of the food with the assistance of Jessica Pogue, Kristina Bruce, April Carson.

Ernesto Mora - Prepping the site Edward Romano, Jordan Schmid

And of course our amazing IT department, thank you, all.

With the guidance of Mr. Jim Brown from Leadership Associates, the Strategic Plan Oversight Team has now met twice to review a timeline to engage with our community stakeholders as our partners in this work.

A formal introduction of this important work will soon be out to all our stakeholders which will include a video highlighting the process and timeline for the Strategic Plan work along with a survey to our all stakeholders. The formal introduction and survey will launch during the first week of October.

This concludes my report for the evening, thank you.

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### **COVID Report:**

- Last week there were 5 cases of COVID in the Acton-Agua Dulce surrounding area reported to DPH.
- Since the first day of school we have had 10 positive cases reported and sent out over 100 close contact notifications.
- Test kits are available at each school site.
- Testing clinic hours are Monday's from 2:00-3:15 at the District Offices.
- Our next clinic will be on August 30th from 2-4 at the District Office MPR.
- Masks will not be required unless there is classroom exposure. If your student has been asked to wear a mask at school, it was because they were exposed to a COVID positive case.
- OSHA still has a requirement for unvaccinated staff to be COVID tested weekly, but now they are able to conduct a self-read COVID test at home and upload it into the Primary Health Platform.
- All students and staff should register for Primary Health so that they can upload home test results in the COVID tracking platform.

Thank you this concludes the COVID report.