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Golden Spotlight: (two photos)

We will be resuming the Golden spotlight next month, at our February 9th board meeting. We will be highlighting the golden spotlight once a month.

Tonight I will cover two strategic initiatives from our existing strategic plan: Student Achievement, Community Engagement, and Fiscal Impact.

First off, Student Achievement (AVID pics)

Right before winter break, Ms. Janna Largent, our incredible math and AVID teacher at Vasquez had her students attempt the Pringle Ringle Challenge using 1 can of Pringles. The purpose of the project was to have the students work together on a challenge.

She also had her students most recently attempt a different challenge. It is the paper chair challenge. Students were only allowed to use paper and masking tape to complete the challenge. The challenge was to create a chair that can hold the most weight.

Photos are from those two days in her AVID class. Thank you, Ms. Largent for sharing with us the innovative ways you incorporate AVID strategies in your classroom.

Community Engagement: (infographic)

Quick update to the Strategic Planning process. Next steps is to develop a Strategic Plan Leadership Team which will be comprised of a group of 25-30 educational partners comprised of parents, staff, and community members. They will be tasked with preparing a summary of key components necessary to update the AADUSD Strategic Plan. A communication piece was pushed out on Tuesday to our community. If you are interested in participating, you can reach out to Ms. McCauley. An interest list will be compiled based on the limited number of seats. I will continue to report out updates every step of the way.

Fiscal Impact (photos/collage)

It is with mixed feelings to share that our Assistant Superintendent of Business Services- Mr. Ahsan Mirza will be resigning from AADUSD. He has accepted a position as Assistant Superintendent of Business Services with the Ventura Unified School District. His last day with us will be February 3rd.

Ahsan and his family have a desire to relocate near the beach community.

I am excited for Ahsan and I know he will continue to do amazing work.

I genuinely appreciate our excellent rapport along with his focus, dedication, and support of Business Services as well as the following departments- Maintenance & Operations, Innovative Technology, Transportation, Charter Services, and Food Services.

Mr. Mirza, your due diligence, your attention to detail, and equitable practices has left our District in a good financial standing during your tenure as well as for the upcoming three years.

Please join me in congratulating Ahsan on his next adventure. AADUSD wishes him and his family the very best!

COVID Report:

- In the Acton and Agua-Dulce surrounding areas there have been 43 new cases of Covid-19 since our last report from Jan. 12th to Jan. 25th.
- In our AADUSD school community there have been 4 positive cases reported since 1/12/2023, and exposure notifications have been sent for those affected.
- We want to remind parents to test their students if they have any symptoms and keep them home for fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or unusual new cough.
- Home test kits are available at all school sites, at your local pharmacy using your Medical/Medicare card, or check with your insurance.
- We ask that all families document their home results on the Primary Health Platform.
- The sooner you contact your physician when you are sick, the more treatment options are available for the Flu and Covid-19.

