

Golden Spotlight:

Amended, we will return to our golden spotlight recognition at our June 9th meeting.

Superintendent report for May 26, 2022:

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

Student Achievement:

On May 18th, the gracious Acton Women's club recognized four Vasquez HS seniors with scholarships

We are grateful for the Acton Women's Club tireless work in support of our students as they place a special emphasis on providing scholarships to our qualifying four Vasquez High School seniors.

Thank you Acton Womens' Club Board of Directors and President, Victoria Taylor for this invitation.

Thank you for the support of Supervisor Kathleen Barger's office- Mr. Charles Bostwick, field rep.

Students, congratulations for being recipients of the scholarships. You are on amazing journey, treasure each and every moment: The four recipients are:

Nick Costan- who will be attending UC Santa Barbara in the fall

Maya Hurtado- UCLA

Valerie Romero- Fresno State University

Amanda Ames- BYU

Congratulations once again.

- With the upcoming Night of the Stars at Vasquez HS, to be held on June 2nd, we will be awarding 5 students with the Superintendent's Senior Stay Gold Scholarship for the amount of \$500.00/each. Thank you to the 9 seniors who have submitted their essay as part of the application process. We truly appreciate you and your efforts.

Community Engagement:

- Thank you to the continued collaboration of one of our wonderful community partners- ASMO. Yet another successful Spring concert was held this week on Tuesday and Wednesday at Meadowlark. Thank you to the ASMO team, Meadowlark's PTO, Meadowlark staff, parents and students. It was wonderful to see the community out in large numbers in full support of these efforts.

Congratulations to all involved.

- I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request for a moment of silence for the young victims and teachers from Robb Elementary school in Uvalde Texas. Our hearts and prayers are with the families impacted by this tragic and senseless event.

I would like to briefly share with our community some mitigating factors in place now and near future in regards to school safety on our campuses-

-Additional cameras (have been installed at High Desert, additional cameras are being looking into for both Vasquez and Meadowlark)

-A "buzz in system" with cameras at all three sites for the main school office entrance already ordered. Currently Meadowlark has this feature in place.

-Additional radios have been ordered to heighten communication on site as well as with personnel at the District office.

- Signage posted several weeks ago on all three campuses instructed staff to keep gates and perimeter doors locked during instructional hours.

-In addition all three sites have schedule lockdown/shelter in place drills for the week of 5/31).

- Additional training for AAUDSD staff on active shooter protocol and procedures scheduled for the fall.

-Lastly, we will be incorporating a formal “We Tip” line on our website and district materials for our community to access for the purpose of when we see or know something, we must say something and report.

Thank you. This concludes my report.

COVID Report:

Covid-19 cases across LA County continue to rise. Within the week of 5/12-5/18, the Acton and Agua-Dulce surrounding areas saw 16 new cases and another 11 new cases from 5/19 – 5/25. In our school community, we have had at least 7 positive cases since last Tuesday and many out sick who are testing and waiting for results. The DPH has flagged HDS as having an outbreak. I am unsure if additional measures will be required from DPH, but we will keep our families in the loop.

A general letter went to all HDS families on 5/25 reminding them of basic infection control guidance. We conducted 49 PCR tests Monday. Two were positive, one failed, and two are processing. We are in the process of transitioning from Color PCR tests to Heluna Health Rapid Antigen testing. Nurse Cari is went through the required training today. . We expect to be fully transitioned by Monday of next week. Our next health clinic will be arranged for the beginning of the next school year.

Thank you, this concludes the COVID report.

