

Golden Spotlight:

We will pick up our Golden spotlight recognition at our November board meeting.

Superintendent report for October 27, 2022:

Before I begin my report, I'd like to share out a community minded announcement:

Thank you Acton Town Council for sharing with us scholarship information you received. A \$50,000 STEM (Science, technology, Engineering, and math) college scholarship opportunity for our Vasquez seniors, along with an Edison International Lineworker Scholarship opportunity. Thank you Town Council for sharing the information with us. Our wonderful counseling team has the information and has been sharing the eligibility criteria with students.

Thank you.

Tonight I will cover three strategic initiatives: Student Achievement, Community Engagement, and Utilization of fiscal impact.

Student Achievement:

From the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, we have a remarkable Vasquez student- Ashley Hinkel.

Last year she proposed the idea of a garden project for Vasquez high school to me. I applaud Ashley for her drive and initiative in moving forward with a proposal for a garden at VHS. She has thoughtfully drafted a proposal for Dr. Chamberlain and I that she would like to share with our school board this evening. I commend your efforts, Ashley.

Community Engagement:

- On October 18th, the California High-Speed Rail Authority Railway held a virtual, public hearing between 3-8:00 pm. It was an opportunity that we seized as a district to provide our concerns over the Palmdale to Burbank Project. Our concerns along with other council comments are now on record with the Authority. In addition to voicing our concerns for the record a summary brief was also formally presented. One significant issue has to do with the dirt and dust that

would be created along with other pollutants near Vasquez and High Desert Schools regarding a concern over the health and safety of our students and staff.

-Starting on November 2nd, as part of our Strategic plan review and outreach, we begin our Listening Sessions. We will be visiting each school as well as parent groups such as DELAC. Thank you to the ML PTO, HDS Booster, and Vasquez PTSO for providing us time on the agenda to share this information and gather input.

These listening sessions are designed to get thoughts on five critical questions - which by the way you can also address in our online survey. All the information we gather will be shared with our strategic plan development team who will be tasked with identifying the key components of the plan for the writing team.

With the community's help we will develop our new strategic plan which is designed to guide us over the next five to ten years. That said, it will need to be reviewed and updated annually so it stays a useful tool for managing and guiding our work.

-On Saturday, October 22nd, I had the pleasure of attending the Fall Festival at Vasquez HS. With Kudos to the wonderful turnout and community partners, parents, students and staff present, the energy and excitement was felt all around. Congratulations to the Vasquez HS community and Vasquez PTSO.

-Lastly, on Monday, October 24th I had the distinct honor of taking part in the High Desert Gym/MPR grand re-opening.

Utilization of Fiscal Impact:

At our last board meeting, Mr. Pfalzgraf requested a breakdown of how enrollment along with ADA (average daily attendance- students physically in their seats) makes an impact on the district's overall budget.

Based on first interim, total LCFF funding with district enrollment at 1013 and an ADA of 931, our funding per student is \$11,550.36. In order to break even based on our total expenses in the First Interim \$16,225,702...Our break-even point at this time 1404 enrollment.

To break even this would equate to an increase of 391 students. Granted we moved the needle in overall enrollment this school year by over 60 students. In summary, we have some ways to go.

Thank you, this concludes my report.

COVID Report:

- The federal Centers for Disease Control Prevention's (CDC) independent vaccine advisory committee, ACIP, voted last week to add COVID-19 vaccines to the routine childhood vaccine schedule. This has no impact on vaccine requirements in California. The main impact of the CDC recommendation is that health insurance companies will be required to cover the cost of immunization and that the federal government can continue to provide it for free to low-income families. **This does not mean COVID-19 vaccines are now required for school entry.**
- In the Acton and Agua-Dulce surrounding areas there have been 10 new cases of Covid-19 since our last report.
- In our AADUSD school community we have had 4 reported positive cases since 10/13/2022 and exposure notifications have been sent for those exposures.
- As a reminder employees are no longer required to test unless they have symptoms of Covid-19.
- Home test kits are available at all 3 school sites and the District Offices.

- Please contact your provider, local pharmacy, or the LA county website if you want to get your Covid-19 vaccine.

- We are now entering Flu season and would recommend getting your flu shot and Covid-19 vaccine now to make sure we keep our students safe from the adverse effects of the Flu and Covid-19.

Thank you this concludes the COVID report.