

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 1, 2022

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Antonio Castro, Superintendent

Ventura Education Partnership (VEP)

Ms. Kathy Asher, Co-President of VEP

- Thirty-five grants were awarded from this previous grant cycle, distributed among 11 elementary schools, 2 K-8 schools, 3 middle schools, and 2 high schools. There is still extra money specifically to fund the area of Arts & Social Justice. VEP will be talking with art and music teachers to figure how to utilize money.
- On Saturday, March 4th VEP will host Read Across Ventura, a reading celebration for children preschool-2nd grade at Will Rogers Elementary from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Local professional authors will be coming to share their stories and read books. Middle school AVID students will be there to help run the event. Every child in attendance will receive a free book while supplies last.
- An Evening of Celebration and Gratitude will be held on April 13th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Old Creek Ranch & Winery. It will be both a fundraiser and an appreciation celebration for previous and current donors. The Ventura County Community College (VCCC) is the main sponsor. Three teachers will also be invited to present their innovative ideas (ES, MS, HS).

Superintendent's Update

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- California School Dashboard: caschooldashboard.org
 - The dashboard will be updated later in November/December. This will include indicators in Academics, Chronic Absenteeism, College/Career, English Learner Progress, and Suspension Rate.
 - SBAC ELA and Math scores from Spring 2022 should be considered baseline and not comparable to prior years.
 - Please refer to the [VENTURA UNIFIED Longitudinal CAASPP Results 2015/16 – 2021/22](#) handout for results. Keep in mind that there is no data from 2019-2020 due to Covid (no test given). Also, the state changed the testing "blueprint" beginning in 2020-2021 – same information was tested, but presented differently to allow for more instructional time prior to testing. Therefore, the final 2 years of data are not comparable to the previous years' data.
- There was discussion about VUSD's dramatic increase in Redesignated Fluent English Proficient (RFEP) students. Please email Serra School's PAC representative for more detailed information.
- SBAC Participation Rates
 - Since Covid, SBAC student participation rates have dropped. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires all states to test at least 95% of all students and student groups in ELA, Math, and Science. If it drops below 95%, a penalty will be applied to the Academic Indicator beginning with the 2022 Dashboard. California will assign the Lowest Obtainable Scale Score (LOSS) to each student needed to bring the participation rate of the school/district, and/or student group to the required 95%. Please refer to the [Changes to Academic Indicator Participation Rate Calculation for the Dashboard](#) handout regarding the penalty.
 - Please refer to the [Ventura Unified School District SBAC Participation Rates \(Unofficial\) 2017/18 to 2021/22](#) handout to see the comparisons of participation. Discussions were held regarding why participation dropped and suggestions on how to increase participation in future SBAC participation to avoid penalties and receive a more accurate result of student group performances.