



ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Message from the Superintendent - Dr. Mary Sieu

Brighter Budget Forecast for Next Year

It's difficult to imagine that this school year is coming to an end. It's been an exciting year for our schools. **There are great things happening in our schools every day and the upward climb of our graduation rates bears that out.** We recognize that we are moving in the right direction and must keep moving to ensure that our students are ready to succeed in the world they will find outside our classrooms.



Flag Ceremony at Artesia HS for becoming a California Distinguished School

We are heartened to see additional revenues for education next year as proposed by the Governor in his released May Revision. For the past four months, the state has experienced multibillion dollar increases in General Fund Revenues and in turn current year cash receipts. The Governor has maintained his focus on reforming education finance with the Local Control Funding Formula. Some of the key changes in the May Revision include the following:

- \$1.9 billion to begin implementation of a new school finance formula (Local Control Funding Formula)
- \$1 billion one time funding to implement the Common Core State Standards
- \$413 million for energy efficiency projects in schools from Prop. 39 revenues
- \$100 million increase for K-12 Mandate Block Grant to fund the Science Graduation Requirement and Behavioral Intervention Plan mandates
- \$62.8 million for a 1.65% COLA for selected categorical programs.

We especially welcome the allocation of \$3.4 million to ABC Unified School District for implementation of the new Common Core State Standards. The one time funds will be used for professional development, instructional materials and technology. The infusion of new funds for technology is critical as we prepare for the new computer adaptive tests under the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium in 2014-15.

As a result of the brighter budget forecast for next year, **the Board of Education**

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recently approved the 2013-14 calendar that restored the instructional days to 180 days and eliminated furlough days.

The first day of school next year will begin on September 3, 2013 immediately following Labor Day. The last day of school will be June 18, 2014.

Congratulations to our Class of 2013! We continue to welcome your support and participation with us as we end one year and prepare for the new one! ▶

News from our Schools

ABC Schools Honored at 2013 California School Recognition Awards Ceremony

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson honored three schools in ABC Unified School District as part of the California School Recognition Awards Ceremony on May 13th at the Burbank Marriott Hotel. **Tetzlaff MS in Cerritos and Artesia HS in Lakewood were given the 2013 California Distinguished School Award.** The California Distinguished Schools Program recognizes schools for their strong commitment and innovative approaches to improving student academic achievement. In addition, they were recognized for making progress in narrowing the academic achievement gap.



Ceremony with Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent; Robin Nelson, Teacher; Board Member Lynda Johnson; Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent; Arturo Delgado, LACOE Superintendent; Sergio Garcia, Principal-Artesia HS



Gonsalves ES in Cerritos was recognized as one of only six schools in Los Angeles County for receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award this year.

Attending the Ceremony were Sergio Garcia, Principal-Artesia HS; Crechena Wise, Principal-Tetzlaff MS, Robert Benko, Principal-Gonsalves ES; teachers and parents representing the schools, Celia Spitzer, President-Board of Education; Lynda Johnson, Clerk-Board; Maynard Law, Board Member; Armin Reyes, Board Member; Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, Dr. Susan Hixson, Director-Human Resources and Dr. Cheryl Bodger, Director of Schools. ▸



Celebrating with the Tetzlaff MS Staff



Celebrating with the Gonsalves ES Staff



HealthierUS School Challenge Awards

Six schools in the District are recipients of awards by the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC), a voluntary national certification initiative.

Juarez ES, Niemes ES, Palms ES, Furgeson ES, and Willow ES received the Gold Award and Kennedy ES received the Silver Award.

This program recognizes schools that are creating healthier school environments through their promotion of good nutrition and physical activity. Sponsored by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), the initiative encourages all schools to take a leadership role in helping students to make healthier eating and physical activity choices that will last a lifetime. **Schools that champion the HUSSC work hard to make changes to their school environment in order to (1) improve the quality of the foods served, (2) provide students**



with nutrition education, and (3) provide students with physical education and opportunities for physical activity. Schools receive a HUSSC award at any one of the four levels of superior performance: Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Gold Award of Distinction. Schools awarded receive a monetary incentive (Bronze \$500, Silver \$1,000, Gold \$1,500, and Gold Award of Distinction \$2,000), an award plaque signed by a USDA official, a banner to display in their school, and their name listed on the Team Nutrition Web site.

To date, HUSSC awards have been given to schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia. As of April 22, 2013, there are 6,079 schools certified. ▸

Fedde & Carmenita Champions

On April 27, Chad Laines, history teacher at Fedde MS, took five students to compete in the state finals for History Day. **They presented their board on Galileo and made it to top six in the state.** Congratulations to the Fedde MS Team!



Chad Laines, Fedde Teacher, and History Day Student Winners

In addition, it was also a successful year for the Mathletes Club. The majority of their team went to Wilson Middle School in Glendale to compete against other L.A. County schools. Eighth grade was represented by Fedde MS while Carmenita MS represented the 7th grade team. **In the 8th grade, Fedde MS placed GOLD** in the category of Problem Solving, Silver in Conceptual Understanding, and GOLD in Procedural Understanding. They were named the overall winners for 8th grade. **Carmenita also did quite well as they received Silver medals** in the categories of Conceptual and Procedural Understanding. Congratulations to Daniel Ramirez and Gilbert Arellano, Fedde teachers, for providing this opportunity to our students. ▶

15th Annual Middle School Science Olympics

On Saturday, May 18th, the District held the 15th Annual Middle School Science Olympics at Fedde MS. This year, the focus was on STEM events organized by the District Middle School STEM Olympics Committee.



Ross MS Science Students

The Committee is comprised of Kalon Hinds, Trina King, Bill Mead, Jessica Reed, Aimee Tomas, Yen Tseng, Kathy West, Ken Yoshikawa, Maria Zawacki, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Laird (Chair), and Paul Killian, Science Program Specialist. **Students from Carmenita MS, Fedde MS, Haskell MS, Ross MS, Tetzlaff MS and Whitney HS participated in this lively Olympics this year.** The event is co-sponsored by the Cerritos Optimist Club. Thank you to all the teachers, students, parents and staff from the middle schools for making this event possible each year! ▶

Careers In Education / Child Development at Artesia High School

Denise Strong, Coordinator Southeast ROP

The Southeast ROP Careers in Education classes at Artesia High School students learn real life hands-on experiences.

Student will study children's developmental stages from conception through early adolescence. Students will focus on the emotional/psychological, cognitive and physical aspects of development, and on the influences of heredity and environmental factors of development. Students will learn effective teaching strategies, curriculum development, classroom management, school governance,

and will explore career opportunities. To enhance student learning, the curriculum for this class is very diverse, offering community classroom internships at local pre-schools, and project-based learning in the classroom.

Two of our community classroom sites are Artesia Children's Center and Sonshine Preschool. **Students are given the opportunity to work with children under the supervision of the preschool teachers.** Students conduct circle time; assist with breakfast, lunch, and play time, academic activities, reading, outdoor activities and work with the EIP Program (Early Intervention Program) for children with special needs. Students also write their own lesson-plans which are approved by the ROP instructor Lupe Delgado and the director at each pre-school. These activities allow students to apply concepts learned to real-life situations. Individual and group work is provided in varying degrees of difficulty depending on level and year the student is in.



Each year we have over 60% of the students continue on to Cerritos College Teacher TRAC Pathway and then on to Long Beach State University for a degree in Teaching. This class is articulated with Cerritos College Teacher TRAC Pathway Program and Long Beach State University. ▶



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www.abcusd.k12.ca.us

International Day Celebrated at ABC Adult School

On Friday, May 17th, the Adult School presented the Annual "International Day" program on a stage near the District Office. This year, the **ESL students represented 31 countries**, who carried their flags during the flag parade while fellow students and teachers cheered on. Board President Celia Spitzer, Principal Pao-Ling Guo, and California Council for Adult Education Chapter President David Saavedra presented five scholarship award winners with \$200 grants to further their educational goals. **Superintendent, Dr. Mary Sieu, and Celia Spitzer spoke very encouragingly about the future of adult education and reiterated their strong support for the adult school community.**

The show-stopper was the final act—a group of Korean students performing "Gangnam Style". One of these very hip performers is 85 years young! The performance was so spectacular that



Cielito Lindo and Aztec Dance were the big hit for the day.



Board President Celia Spitzer, Director Dr. Susan Hixson, Principal Dr. PaoLing Guo, and CCAE President, Mr. David Saavedra co-presented \$200 CCAE scholarship to five outstanding students at the International Day event.



Korean fan dance with the Aztec drum dance - a truly intercultural moment.

the audience collectively rushed forward, smartphones and cameras in hand, cheering wildly as they tried to capture the moment. Several students jumped into the area in front of the stage to dance along. When the song ended, everyone called for an encore—though, as most of our ESL students did not know the word, most simply shouted, "Do it again!" And so they

31 countries were represented at 2013 International Day



did it again. What a treat to see our Aztec drum dancer, beads and loincloth and all, jump on stage and dance along! More students from various country groups got on stage also—a truly intercultural moment. ▶

SUMMER FUN AT ABC ADULT SCHOOL

REGISTER ONLINE!
www.abcadultschool.edu
 Online Registration Begins: Friday, May 3 9 am
 Walk-in Registration Begins: Friday, May 17 8 am

ABC ADULT SCHOOL
Learning for Life

July 1 - July 25, 2013

Contact an ABC Adult School Campus Near You for More Information:

Cuesta Campus
 12254 Cuesta Drive, Corralton, CA 95703
 (562) 926-6734

Cabrillo Lane Adult Center
 30122 Cabrillo Lane, Corralton, CA 95703
 (562) 909-9011

*Choose your classes carefully! There will be a charge of \$5 to transfer or \$10 processing fee to drop before the first day of class. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE FIRST CLASS MEETING.

ABC Adult School offers more than just ESL or Career Training classes! Check out the Summer Brochure at www.abcadultschool.edu for exciting courses!

Community Involvement

Congressional Art Competition

On May 1st, the 11th Annual 38th District Congressional Art Competition was held at the Clarke Estates in Santa Fe Springs. **Congratulations to the following ABC student winners in the Art Competition:** Chino Intal (Artesia HS); Courtney Lee (Cerritos HS); Ester Chang (Cerritos HS); Angele DeSilva (Cerritos HS); Anna Resnick (Whitney HS) and Effdharvie Amores (Cerritos HS). The Art Competition was hosted by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez. ▶



ABC - USC School of Social Work Collaboration

This year, ABC collaborated with USC to become a Training Center for over 25 Social Work Interns. This allowed us to provide additional counseling services to our elementary and secondary students in the District. ▶



USC Interns with Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu and Terri Villa-McDowell, Safe Schools Coordinator.

Visit our website for ABCUSD schools' addresses, contact info, enrollment boundaries and more!
www.abcusd.k12.ca.us

Congratulations to the 2013 Pan Am Scholarship Winners!

At the 2013 Pan American Ambassador Scholarship Luncheon sponsored by the Lakewood Pan American Association, the City of Lakewood and the Rotary Club of Lakewood, eighteen students were honored at the luncheon on May 2, 2013 at the Sycamore Centre. **Three high school seniors were honored from Artesia HS with a scholarship and recognition from local elected officials.** ▶



2013 Pan Am Ambassador Scholarship Winners: (l-r) Brenda Aguero, Sopornya Vath, Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent, Lorraine Young. All the students are seniors at Artesia High School.

City of Artesia Honors HS Graduates

"Soaring Into the Future" reception was sponsored by the City of Artesia on May 17, 2013. The event was held at the DES Portuguese Hall in Artesia. **This event highlighted seniors from Artesia who are graduating from our high schools this year.** Mayor Pro Tem Tony Lima, Councilmembers Miguel Canales, Victor Manalo, and John Lyons along with civic representatives from the region were on hand to recognize our graduating seniors with certificates of recognition. ▶

"Soaring Into the Future" at the City of Artesia



City Councilmen John Lyons and Miguel Canals, Board Member James Kang, Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, Board Members Lynda Johnson, Olympia Chen, Maynard Law, and Mayor Pro Tem Tony Lima.

Standing Ovation Awards

At the April 9th Board of Education Meeting, we honored community members and organizations in the “Standing Ovation Awards” Program. The honorees were nominated by the principal of a school or District staff. Each honoree was recognized by the President of the Board of Education, Celia Spitzer with a Certificate of Appreciation and special gift mug.

The honorees included the following: Brian Tom, Owner and Mark Bayaua, Manager, of the California Educational Centers (Bragg ES); Jim Edwards, former Mayor of Cerritos (Carver ES); Cynthia Guaderrama, Apperson Print Resources (Gonsalves ES); Dr. Alexander Khananashvili, Wellness Coordinator of Tri-City Medical Center (Hawaiian ES); Naomi and Jay Hosoda, Owners, Print N’Copy Center (Kennedy ES); Sal Flores of the Moskowitz Foundation (Melbourne ES); Lourdes Cruz, Store Manager of Target on Bloomfield/Del Amo (Palms ES); Jennifer Kim, Director, Advanced Display Materials (Stowers ES); Eddie Goldstein, Community Leader; Gloria Inzunza-Franco, Director of Special Initiatives-CSU-Long Beach (Fedde MS); Don Mitchell, Senior Educational Manager for K-12 Services, College Board (Tetzlaff MS); John Takacs, Senior Engineer-Boeing Corp. (Cerritos HS); Bob Milner, General Manager, Mercedes-Benz of Long Beach (Gahr HS); Cindy Skovgard, Executive Director, Pathways Volunteer Hospice (Tracy HS); Pen on Paper Club at Whitney HS (Adult School); Carol Chaney and Sandi Brimhall of Schools First Federal Credit Union (Human Resources Office).



Honoring Jennifer Kim, Director of Advanced Display Materials



Honoring Don Mitchell, Senior Educational Manager for K-12 Services, College Board



Honoring Gloria Inzunza-Franco, Director of Special Initiatives at CSU Long Beach



Honoring Schools First Credit Union

We thank all these community members and organizations that support our schools and District throughout the year. We appreciate all the principals and District staff for taking the time to honor these individuals and organizations. A special thanks to Ann Griffio, Coordinator-Career Technical Education and Partnerships Office for coordinating this event. ▀



Sponsorships and Support Growing for ABC'S INTO THE SUMMER FUN RUN

The ABCUSD Education Foundation’s inaugural Into the Summer Fun Run is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 2013 at L.A. County Regional Park, 19700 Bloomfield Avenue in Cerritos. All proceeds from the event support the ABCUSD Education Foundation ensuring that all ABC students and all schools succeed. To date, the ABC Education Foundation has 52 local businesses and community groups sponsoring the Fun Run.



The event features a 5K run/walk starting at 7:45 a.m., a 2K run/walk starting at 9 a.m. and a wellness fair from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Entertainment includes Urban Xtreme featured on the Disney Channel, The School Tour and a District-wide band. The wellness fair will include local vendors and a kid’s fun zone and free giveaways, including raffles for free bike helmets. Food trucks will also be on-site. Free health and dental screenings will be provided as well.

2013 ABC Into the Summer Fun Run Sponsors include the following levels:

Platinum: L.A. County Parks & Recreation Department;

Silver: Kaiser Permanente Downey; Image I T-shirts & More; City of Cerritos;

Bronze: L.A. County Board of Supervisors Don Knabe; LBS Financial Credit Union; A.I. Entertainment; Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo; The School Tour/Urban Xtreme;

Common Core State Standards Update *Depth of Knowledge*

The Depth of Knowledge (DOK) model is a framework for analyzing the cognitive demands educational materials require for a student. In 1997, Dr. Norman Webb developed this model for analyzing the different cognitive levels in standards and curriculum. The DOK classification model is solely based on what is being asked cognitively versus the skill or knowledge the student possesses.

DOK offers a common language for educators, in terms of understanding rigor, in assessments, curriculum, lessons, and tasks. It also provides a lens for creating more cognitively engaging and challenging tasks for students.



Depth of Knowledge Levels

Level 1 Recall and Reproduction

- Requires recall of information (facts, definitions, terms, performance of a simple procedure)
- Has a right/wrong answer

Level 2 Skills and Concepts

- Requires comprehension and subsequent process of text
- Some decisions need to be made as to how to approach the question or problem
- Engagement of some mental processing beyond recalling or reproducing a response
- Students are asked to transform/process target knowledge before responding

Level 3 Strategic Thinking

- Requires deep knowledge and higher level of cognitive thinking
- Cognitive demands are complex and abstract
- Possibility of multi-step task and multiple answers

Level 4 Extended Thinking

- High cognitive demand and is very complex
- Students are required to make several connections, relate ideas, and select or devise one approach among many alternatives on how the situation can be solved
- Employing and sustaining strategic thinking over a longer period of time

Academic Services has provided professional development to the English Language Arts Common Core Study Team in the area of Depth of Knowledge. Each member of the Study Team was encouraged to return to their site and share their expertise with the Administration team, as well as their colleagues. Additionally, secondary History, Science, and Social Science teachers were trained in Depth of Knowledge this Spring. These teachers are beginning to implement DOK in their lesson plans this year. ▶

Friends of ABC Education

Foundation: Cerritos Center; Sports Authority; City of Artesia; City of Hawaiian Gardens; Browning Motors/Cerritos Acura; Broadview Mortgage; ABC Niemes Elementary School; California Educational Centers; Sheraton Cerritos Hotel;

Community Sponsor: College Hospital; Global Culture Education Foundation; La Palma Intercommunity Hospital; Road ID; ABC Federation of Teachers; Dr. Gary Smuts; The Irving I. Moskowitz Foundation; ABC Board of Education Member Olympia Chen; ABC Academic Services/Magnet Schools; ABC Fiscal Services; ABC Burbank Elementary School; ABC Nixon Academy; A Bright Pool & Spa Service; Rotary Club of Cerritos Foundation; L.A. Machinery Movers;

Media Sponsor: Los Cerritos Community Newspaper Group;

Family Sponsors: ABC Special Education Advisory Committee; ABC Gonsalves Elementary School; ABC Stowers Elementary School.

Wellness Fair Participants:

Dole Foods; Masada Homes & Helpline Youth Counseling Services, Inc.; YES Sports; Lakewood Orthodontist; JBA Institute; Tri-City Regional Medical Center; Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC; Lestonnac Free Clinic; L.A. County Department of Public Social Services; California Highway Patrol; L.A. County Department of Public Health; NAMI; Alternative Options; CareMore; Indian Pharmacists Association.

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Terri VillamcDowell, ext. 21150.

The ABCUSD Education Foundation was founded in February 2012 to support district programs in jeopardy due to budget cuts. It has provided nearly \$80,000 in funds for teachers, student activities and services in its first year of operation. ▶

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

CyberSmart Month Video Contest: And the Winner is....

And the winner is... **The results of ABC's first student CyberSmart Month video contest are in!** Students participated in the contest as an extension of this year's October CyberSmart Month. The video contest highlights the district's most salient grade level CyberSmart program messages, and provides students a creative opportunity to share their learning.

The contest received a variety of student-produced videos representing students from ABC elementary, middle and high schools.

There was no shortage of recognitions to shower on the participants. Awards categories at the elementary, middle and high school levels included: **Best Drama, Best Actor, Best Director, Best Editing, Best Script, Best Visual Effects, Best Music Video, Best Music, Best Idea, and Best Comedy.**

The three overall winners that took home the most recognitions includes:

"CYBERSPACE STRANGER DANGER"

Bragg Elementary School (4th & 5th grade)

Taylor Kim, Jade Semaan, Daniel Kwon, and Brian Santana

Best Drama, Best Actors, Best Direction, Best Script, Best Editing, Best Visual Effects, Best Idea

"DON'T BE A CYBERSPACE BULLY"

Bragg Elementary School (5th grade)

Anthony Warren Barrocan and Jacob Dulay

Best Music Video, Best Actors, Best Script, Best Visual Effects, Best Music, and Best Idea

"MARINA"

Artesia High School (12th grade)

Marina Timmons

Best Direction, Best Editing, Best Visual Effects, and Best Idea

Student video productions included singing, music, performing, acting, the use of poetry, visual artistry, and thoughtful script writing. The video productions were not to exceed one minute in length and required parent permission for participation.

Each of the winning video production teams will receive a special CyberSmart Month Video Contest certificate recognizing their creative work and accomplishment. All the student videos are available as resources for ABC schools to use with their students for CyberSmart training.

A special thanks to the following ABC staff members who helped make this year's 1st CyberSmart Month Video Contest a success: Lissette Reyes, Jill Yasutake, David Franklin, Mary Thomas-Reilly, Cheryl Bodger, and Tim Catlin.

To review the video contest submissions and learn of the contest winners, please visit the ABC Unified home page and click on the blue-boxed "CyberSmart Month - October."

www.abcusd.k12.ca.us > CyberSmart Month - October ▶



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from ABC Unified School District [PLUS](#) 1 month ago

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

ABCUSD at the National School Board Association Conference

On Sunday, April 14th, Dr. Mary Sieu had the pleasure of co-presenting a workshop at the 73rd Annual National School Board Association Conference held at the San Diego Convention Center. Joining the Superintendent in presenting were Board President Celia Spitzer, Board member Maynard Law and President of ABCFT, Ray Gaer. The presentation was on "An Innovative Labor Management Partnership for School Improvement." **The ABC Team felt honored to have been selected to present their workshop to board members from across the country. ▶**



Board Members Lynda Johnson, Maynard Law, Sophia Tse, Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu, Board Members Olympia Chen, Celia Spitzer, and Ray Gaer, President-ABCFT

ABCUSD Principal Named Administrator of the Year

Sergio Garcia, Artesia High School's Principal has been selected as the Secondary Principal Administrator of the Year by ACSA (Association of California School Administrators) Region XIV this year. He was honored at the ACSA Awards Dinner held on Wednesday, April 17th at the Grand Event Center in Long Beach. ▶



Artesia High School Principal Sergio Garcia with Board Member Olympia Chen and Superintendent Dr. Mary Sieu

Joshie Cox, Director-Purchasing/Risk Management

Each year the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) State Purchasing Research and Development committee presents the Unsung Hero Award to one individual state wide in recognition of their outstanding contributions and enhancements towards the profession of purchasing. This year, the annual CASBO Conference in Long Beach, Joshie Cox was awarded the 19th annual Unsung Hero Award for her outstanding leadership, professionalism and contributions to the purchasing profession statewide.

Paul Shin Memorial Award for High School Chemistry Teaching

Paul Bender, teacher at Whitney HS was selected as this year's winner of the Paul Shin Memorial Award for High School Chemistry Teaching. Mr. Bender has been teaching at Whitney HS since the fall of 1993. He has regularly had students placing in the top at the ACS High School Chemistry Olympiad and has many students take part in the semifinal exam. In 2010, one of his students made it all the way to the medal at the International Chemistry Olympiad in Turkey. He received a \$500 cash award from the Southern California Section, a plaque for his classroom and recognition at this year's awards banquet.

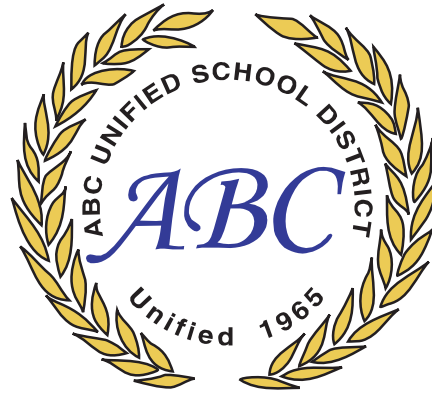
Ann Griffo Recognized with CTE Award

On Saturday, May 18th, Ann Griffo, Coordinator of Career Technical Education (CTE) and Partnerships Office was recognized at the Los Angeles County California Industrial Technology Education Association Awards Ceremony in Buena Park as Administrator of the Year. Ann coordinates CTE Program in the District, building relationships between schools and the community as well as developing Career Pathways for all students and guiding the Board's CET Ad Hoc Committee.



Chuck Minear, Assistant Principal-Adult School, Ann Griffo, Coordinator of Career Technical Education and Partnerships Office, and Dr. Mary Sieu, Superintendent

Stacey Heiligenthaler, Special Education Supervisor, has been selected as an item reviewer for the NCSC English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment. The National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) is a project led by five centers and 28 states (18 core states and 10 Tier II states) to build an alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The goal of the NCSC project is to ensure that students with the most significant cognitive disabilities achieve increasingly higher academic outcomes and leave high school ready for post-secondary options. Stacey will be working with a team of nationally selected special education professionals to assist in the design and review of the English Language Arts Assessment consistent with the Common Core State Standards. ▶



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