

Superintendent's Report

During Superintendent Thelma Meléndez de Santa Ana's report, Jazmin Hall, ASB president for Middle College High School, took pleasure in sharing news that the school recently held an API (Academic Performance Index) celebration for increasing its score. The celebration featured a pie-throwing event involving the school's Principal Claudia Flint. Students threw pies at their principal who lost a bet that they could not increase their API score by eight points. Hall described that students instead increased the school's score by 28 points, thereby earning the reward of throwing 28 whip cream pies at Principal Flint (shown in the photo at right).



Since the arts are a school district priority, Superintendent Meléndez showcased the following for the public's participation and support:

- The Santa Ana Arts Alliance for Education will host a reception on November 1 at The Wooden Floor (formerly St. Joseph's Ballet) at 3:30 p.m. For more info, please call 714-558-5555.
- Santa Ana High School Choirs have entered a fun video competition called "GLEE! Give a Note." The school is calling upon everyone in Santa Ana to log on to www.gleegiveanote.com to vote daily through November 7. The school can win up to \$50,000 in prize money to help them fund a trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City.
- The *Hope Alive! Keeping Music Alive* in the Schools concert to support Willard Intermediate School is slated for Sunday, November 13 at 5 p.m. at the Irvine Barclay Theatre. This year, Grammy Award Winner Oleta Adams will headline the event, and the Santa Ana High Jazz Band will be featured. For tickets, call 949-854-4646 or log on to www.thebarclay.org.
- In honor of its 100 Years on Walnut St. Anniversary celebration this year, Santa Ana High School will host a benefit concert headlining alumnus Bill Medley of the Righteous Brothers. This concert will be held on Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the "Dollars for Scholars" scholarship program. For info or tickets, call Bobbie Rooker at 714-542-7802.

Board Presentation - High School Inc. Academies Quarterly Update



During the presentation on High School Inc. (HSI) Academies at Valley High School, HSI Board President Richard Porras and students shared a bit about the HSI greeting card company and announced the Culinary Arts Program's new kitchen make-over slated for a ribbon-cutting next month. The make-over of the school's originally built kitchen was made possible by the Facilities Department. In the photo, from left, are Valley High Focus Coordinator Jose Luis Pedroza; Valley senior Raul Mercado and junior Laura Tagaleo'o of the HSI Greeting Card Company; HSI

Culinary Arts Program Director Monica Aguilar, Valley seniors Alejandro Hernandez and Ashley Blanco of the Culinary Arts Program; and Joe Dixon, Assistant Superintendent of Facilities. To view a copy of the HSI quarterly update, log on to the Board's webpage at www.sausd.us.

Public Hearings

- Re-open Santa Ana Unified School District Initial Bargaining Proposal for the 2012-13 School Year to Santa Ana Educators' Association.
- Re-open California School Employees Association, Chapter 41, Initial Bargaining Proposal for 2011-12 School Year to Santa Ana Unified School District.

Board Approvals

- Authorization to Award Contract for Education Assessment Management System. **(Agenda item 3.0)**
 - This agenda item is the result of a Request for Purchase bid to replace the existing Data Director system, which no longer meets the District's increased assessment data reporting needs. Board approved the recommendation by staff to award the contract to Illuminate Education, Inc.
- Acceptance of Carol M. White Physical Education Program From U.S. Department of Education Office of Safe And Drug-Free Schools. **(Agenda item 4.0)**
 - This grant will provide resources for 22 SAUSD schools to build upon and continue making progress toward meeting physical education State Standards and federal guidelines to help our students continue to be physically active for life. The \$524,621 grant covers a three-year period.
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding For An Early Notification Incentive Payment For Certificated Retirees. **(Agenda item 6.0)**
 - This is the 5th year in a row that the school district has offered an early retirement incentive for certificated employees. The offer for the 2011-12 school year will enable certificated employees to notify the school district by December 1, 2011, of their intent to retire. Those who provide notice by this date will receive a \$20,000 incentive award. Those who provide notice by March 1, 2012, will receive a \$10,000 incentive.
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding With California School Employees Association, Chapter 41, For Increased Instructional Time At School Improvement Grant Transformational Schools. **(Agenda Item 9.0)**
 - This item increases instructional time for Special Education para-professionals who serve severely-handicapped and Autistic students. The work day of the para-professionals will increase by 30 minutes at five School Improvement Grant schools including Century High School, Saddleback High School, Santa Ana High School, Valley High School, and Sierra Preparatory Academy. Willard Intermediate employees in this job classification will have their instructional time increased by 60 minutes daily.

In Memoriam - Board President Hernández adjourned the meeting in memory of Mr. George P. Heidler Jr. Mr. Heidler established successful automotive businesses in Santa Ana, and served as the first president of the Board of Directors for High School Inc. Academies from 2006-2009. On March 22, 2011, the Board officially renamed the High School Inc. Automotive Academy at Valley High School, the George P. Heidler Jr. Academy of Automotive, Transportation and Logistics.

All Board meeting results are available on the Board of Education webpage at www.sausd.us. The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 8 at 6 p.m.**

