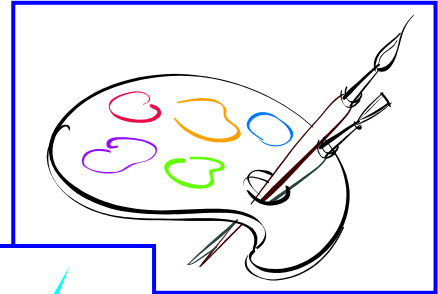


Superintendent's Report

Supporting the Arts – Using a video highlight segment Superintendent Russo recapped the Districtwide honor band and honor choir concerts held earlier this spring. She also encouraged the community to support the arts by attending the upcoming Districtwide honor orchestra concert. It is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Segerstrom High School's Theatre. The event is free and open to the public.



Additionally, she shared that talented teachers and staff can show their support by participating in the May 21 Arts Fundraiser. For more information, call 714-558-5555.



Parent Portal & Social Media Launch – In an effort to improve communications with the school community, SAUSD will be heading into the realm of Social Media by launching a Facebook page and Twitter account. In addition, the school district has announced the launch of the Parent Portal made possible by the Aeries Student Information System. Using the system, parents are able to log on to view and check their students' attendance in real time.

Superintendent Russo also announced the initiation of a new electronic newsletter to help publicize and promote positive school district news that occurs on a regular basis. Those who would like more information or to subscribe, may call the Public Information Office at 714-558-5555.

New Law Requires Whooping Cough (Tdap) Vaccine for 7th-12th Graders – Parents and students in grades 7th to 12th were reminded that they will need to get a whooping cough vaccine, called Tdap, before entering school this August. Students who have not received this vaccine before the beginning of the next school year will not be allowed to enter school. For more information about the whooping cough vaccine, parents or students may check with the school nurse, or call Health Services at 714-433-3429. Information is also available online at www.sausd.us or ShotsforSchools.org

Board Presentations

◆ **Facilities Update**

The Facilities Department is working to ensure that all school facilities are safe, effective, well-maintained learning environments for all students. Staff informed the Board of ongoing projects throughout the school district including those funded through Measure G, and matching State funds. To date SAUSD has received \$350 million in funding. [View presentation.](#)

◆ **Determining Graduates, Non-graduates and Dropout Rates**

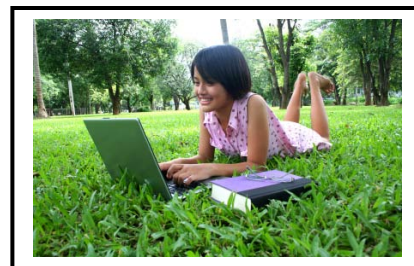
Staff reviewed the various categories of students designated as graduates, non-graduates and dropouts as determined by the California Department of Education. With the implementation of the new Aeries student information system, the school district has increased its ability to track students who enter and exit SAUSD. Having access to this type of accurate data will enable SAUSD to improve its graduation rate, which currently stands at 84.6%. [View presentation.](#)

Public Hearing

The Board voted to reopen the Santa Ana Unified School District Initial Bargaining Proposal for 2011-12 School Year to the Santa Ana Educators' Association.

Approvals

- **High School Advanced Placement Art History Course for Adoption (New: For First Reading) (Agenda Item 3.0)** The first reading to introduce a new high school advanced placement art history course has been brought forth to the Board. The curriculum next goes through an approval process prior to being first implemented at Segerstrom High School next year, followed by additional high schools thereafter. The second reading of this agenda item is scheduled for April 26.
- **Board Policy (BP) 5118 and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5118 – Open Enrollment Act Transfers (New: For First Reading) (Agenda Items 5.0 and 6.0)** This BP and AR are being introduced to keep SAUSD in compliance with federal and state regulations with regards to the Open Enrollment Act Transfers. This State act, which became effective January of 2010, enables students to transfer out of low performing schools as identified by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the school district and provide parents with more school options.
- **Approval of Summer School Programs for 2011-12 School Year Contingent Upon State Funding and Extended School Year Program (Agenda Item 8.0)** High school summer school programs this year will take place from June 23 through July 29. Eighth-graders, who are not promoted will be offered an intervention program from June 13 through August 19. Community Day School will operate from July 11 through August 19. The schedule will be upheld based on State funding.



- **Approval of SAUSD 2011 Summer Enrichment Program for Pre-Kindergarten Through Grade 8 Schools and Century and Valley High Schools (Agenda Item 9.0)** This item was brought forth by the Deputy Superintendent's division which oversees the after-school and summer enrichment program managed for the school district by THINK Together. The summer enrichment program, in its third year, offers extended learning in the wake of summer school cancellation at the elementary and intermediate levels due to reductions in education funding. Six schools will be offered full-day programs as a result of grants secured by THINK Together and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation.
- **Authorization for Design and Installation of Classrooms at Santiago Elementary School to Accommodate K-8 Configuration (Agenda Item 15.0)** On March 8, 2011, the Board approved transforming Santiago Elementary School from a K-6 school to a K-8 school beginning in the 2012-13 school year. This action approves preparations to get underway for the installation of eight additional classrooms to accommodate the 7th and 8th grade enrollments.

In Memoriam

The Board meeting adjourned in the memory of long-time school district supporter Rev. John McReynolds, who recently passed away, and 1938 Santa Ana High School graduate Royal Spurrier. McReynolds was pastor of Second Baptist Church in Santa Ana, the oldest and largest African-American congregation in Orange County. Spurrier, a war veteran, was an avid contributor to community causes.

For all Board meeting results and presentations refer to the School Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes section of the school district's website ([Board webpage](#)). A special joint Board meeting with the Rancho Community College District Board of Education is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 19 in the SAUSD Board Room beginning at 6:00 p.m.** The next regularly scheduled **Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011.**