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DATES:

SAC Training
April 7, 2022
 6:00—8:00pm,
 Tesla, Room 116 and
 via WebEx for 1st
 half of training

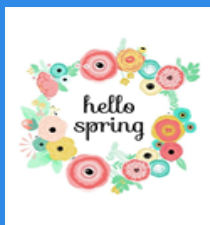
DAC Meeting
April 21, 2022
 6:00—8:00pm,
 Tesla, room 116 and
 via WebEx

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District Accountability (DAC) Newsletter

April 2022

Welcome

Can you believe we are in the final quarter of the school year? I have a senior, so there is a celebration of accomplishments and an excitement for the future. Thank you for your work and dedication this year. Now is the time to reflect and start planning for the next school year. What did your SAC accomplish this year? What are improvements that could be made? How can we provide opportunities for all families to have a voice? The answers to these questions are specific to your school community. Take a look again at the [Family-School Partnerships: An implementation guide](#) to consider areas where your school community can improve.

The search for a new superintendent has started. Watch for opportunities to provide input for the D11 superintendent search, this may be a group meeting or answering a survey. Your input is needed and appreciated. The DAC will be providing feedback as a group for this search at our April meeting.

State testing is back to a normal schedule this year. All students 3-8 will take the English language arts and math portion of the Colorado Measures of Academic Success tests. PSAT will be given in grades 9 & 10 and the SAT in grade 11, 5th, 8th, and 11th graders will take the science test. SACs should reach out to principals with questions.

The DAC and it's Subcommittees are continuing to work:

- The DAC got an update on the Academic Master Plan. We look forward to finding out the schools that are chosen as pathways and to hear the finalized definition of quality neighborhood schools. In addition, we submitted a letter to the Board with some immediate needs to be addressed as well as initiatives in the District that need to continue. We are committed to provide timely input to the Board.
- The DAC Accreditation Subcommittee spent time with Karol Gates from Curriculum and Instruction discussing the work that is being done to address academic issues.
- The DAC Budget Subcommittee provided a report of budget recommendations to the Board. They will be discussing these recommendations with the Board. They will also be reviewing the ESSER III budget.
- The Training and SAC Support Subcommittee is ready for the final SAC training scheduled on April 7. The training will focus on the Summer Symposium Information and testimonials, and Chicago 5E Results. The second hour we will participate in Family Engagement Circles. SACs and school principals are strongly encouraged to attend.

If you haven't already, please plan on attending one of the remaining Family Engagement community events on April 25 at the East Library or on May 10 at Penrose Library. We want to hear your voice.

As a DAC, we want to support our School Accountability Committees. It is time to start preparing for elections for SAC Chair for next year. If we can provide any help or support please reach out so we can help. Once again, thank you for your dedication this school year!

Regards,

Velvet Stepanek
 Chair – District Accountability Committee

DAC Membership for 2022-2023

- It is important we conduct legal elections for DAC members and new officers in May, so we need to be thinking about who wants to be a member for the 2022-2023 school year.
- If you would like to be on the DAC for next year please contact Joseph Mezzofante, our membership chair, so he has time to solicit new members and candidates.
- We will also need the following DAC Officer Positions filled for next year:
 - DAC Chair, DAC Vice Chair/Membership Chair, DAC Budget Subcommittee Chair

Please respond to Trudy.Tool@d11.org or respond to mezzofantej@gmail.com to let us know whether or not you will continue on the DAC.

Channel 16 is Changing Locations:

- On April 1, 2022, Channel 16 is upgrading to Comcast HD Channel 881 and joining the area school districts on the new shared Colorado Springs School Districts' Channel. Live Board of Education meetings can be watched on Wednesdays on Channel 881 and will still be streamed on D11.org/TV.

**Spring 2022 - Public Review Window Opens:
March 28 to April 7, 2022**

The public review window is open March 28-April 7th. This public review window includes a very important adoption process for our K-8 Mathematics Tier 1 core material and Tier 2 supplemental material. All D11 stakeholders are welcome to review and offer feedback for the proposed instructional materials and new courses online by clicking the link below:

<https://www.d11.org/PublicReview> or at the District 11 Administration Building, located at 1115 N. El Paso Street.

**High School Graduations****High School Graduation Dates/Locations**

- 5/ 17 Mitchell HS 9am, Palmer HS 3pm - World Arena
- 5/ 18 Doherty HS 9am, Coronado HS 3pm - World Arena

Alternative High Schools -

- 5/19 Achieve 8am, Tesla 12pm - **RJWAC**
- 5/21 Odyssey ECCO 8am, Bijou 12pm - **RJWAC**
- 6/2 Adult and Family Education 7pm - **RJWAC Auditorium**



AWESOME




D11 Middle School Battle of the Books - May 3, 2022
Tesla Professional Development Center
2560 International Circle - 80910

There are three 1-hour Battles. How many can you support?
9:30-10:25 | 10:30-11:30 | 12:50-1:45

Volunteers are needed to read questions and keep score. It's fun and easy. Free Lunch for all!

To register to be a volunteer for the Battle of the Books, please see link below:

<https://www.d11.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=197>





**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
LISTENING TOUR**
LISTENING TOUR STOP

WE WANT TO LEARN FROM OUR FAMILIES!

You're invited to join other D11 families to share your experiences as parents, caregivers, and community members.

This is a time for your school district to learn from your lived experiences through a confidential sharing circle.

Join us on Monday,
April 25, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.,
at the East Library, 5550 N.
Union Blvd., 80918.
Childcare and a light meal will be
provided.



Click the QR Code
to RSVP

♥ *Building Trusting Relationships One
Conversation at a Time!*

You may RSVP using the QR code above or by going to:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=FjejtSMem0u6mmGKVudqGO2IvtQpWchGvPiGxr5_urZUQ083SUNSTktXRDVEUEIxSEJVM0Q5WkdWOC4u

News & Notes Continued

Post-secondary and Career Information

- Life After High School: Opportunities in the Trades (webinar) (Source: CDE-the Scoop-Mar 30)
Life After High School: Opportunities in the Trades presented by My Colorado Journey will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. This virtual event will feature a panel discussion on careers and other options for high school students after graduation.
- Join Colorado Sun education writer Erica Breunlin, along with program leaders and educators from across Colorado to learn more about how students can explore careers and earn credits toward their career goals while still in high school. Submit questions in advance to questions@coloradosun.com. [Register for the discussion via Eventbrite.](#)

Announcing the second annual Colorado Virtual Career Fair for Youth

- The second annual Colorado virtual career fair for youth will be held April 18-21, 2022 from 4-7:00 pm each evening via Zoom and is completely free. This explorative & informative fair for youth will feature career panels representing a variety of industries throughout the state. Registration is open for youth attendees, parents, educators, and potential career panelists via <https://youthcareerfair.org/>
- This is a career education event that supports the Colorado Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) process.
- Colorado Virtual Career Fair is a collaboration between the Colorado State Youth Council, Colorado Workforce Development Council, Colorado Association of Career & Technical Education, other Colorado professional education agencies & organizations, and many Colorado school districts.



D11 Academic Master Plan Newsletter

- The D11 Academic Master Plan March Newsletter can be found at the link below:
<https://www.smore.com/53f2t-d11-academic-master-plan?ref=email-content#w-2119544836>
- Topics of interest include:
 - ◆ Quality Neighborhood Schools
 - ◆ Pathway Schools
 - ◆ Innovation Status

Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee Meeting

- The Gifted and Talented Advisory committee (GTAC) will meet April 14 from 5:30-6:30 pm via Webex
- For the meeting link and agenda visit <https://www.d11.org/Page/17627>



SAC Information

Upcoming deadlines of interest to SACs

State Tests: Colorado 3-8th grade CMAS tests (the full spectrum) are scheduled in the period April 11th – Apr 29th. Colorado 9-10th grade PSAT tests are scheduled April 13th -28th (including make-up dates). Check with your school for the specific test schedule for your school.

- **Acadience Reading (READ Act) EOY (end of year) tests K-3:** Scheduled April 25th – May 13th
- **District Benchmark (EOY) tests grades 3 – 11:** Scheduled May 2nd – May 13th (optional)
- **Election of New SAC Officers:** April is the month to elect, or be thinking about election of officers for the coming school year as outlined in D11 Reg. AE-R-2, School Accountability Committees. It is also a good time to set the SAC meeting calendar for the next school year.

SAC Training Session on April 7, 2022 In-person at Tesla and via WebEx 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM:

We have an information-packed session scheduled for the April 7th training session with a focus on One Plan/USIP initiatives for 22-23;

- **One Plan/USIP Planning Summer Symposium:** Natasha Crouse, Director Student Improvement will provide details on the One Plan/USIP Planning Summer Symposium to be held for all schools in late May or early June 2022. The goal of the symposium is to have key staff, including SACs, from each school review their key challenges and successes of the past year in the context of their 2021-2022 USIP and develop a draft USIP for the 2022-2023 school year. The presentation will include the latest on data availability (Hoonuit, Performance Matters, other data support, etc) and testimonials from last year's participants.
- **Chicago 5E Winter Survey Results/Use in One Plans:** Natasha Crouse will discuss best practices for understanding and interpreting the survey results along with strategies for SACs to use with their principal in relating results to overall student success. We also plan to spotlight schools with excellent parent survey participation.
- **Family Engagement Circles:** The purpose of Family Engagement Circles is to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share their experiences as parents, caregivers, and community members. The last hour of the session will be spent piloting the Family Engagement Circle process with attendees.

Agenda Planning Guide for APRIL (Theme: Assessment/planning for next school year)

- Principal/teachers provide relevant 3rd quarter data for progress monitoring.
- Review available Spring District Benchmark assessment results, other assessment results and One Plan Action Step monitoring data. Check with your principal on availability of the school's academic growth data in Performance Matters.
- Discuss plans for school participation in the May-June One Plan/USIP Planning Symposium. Ask whether the school's leadership will have completed Performance Matters training before the Symposium.
- Elect/select SAC chair, secretary and other officers as appropriate for next school year.

Good Things

Good Things Happening at Schools

District—

Congratulations to District 11 students who received Colorado Youth Citizenship awards. The ceremony was held on March 14, 2022 at the RJWAC Auditorium. For the past 37 years junior high and middle school students in District 11 have been recognized as future exceptional citizens. This year students at the following D11 schools were honored:

Achieve Online, Galileo School of Math & Science, Holmes MS, Jenkins MS, Mann MS, North MS, Russell MS, Sabin MS, Tesla MS, and West MS. In all, 42 students received the award. Congratulations!



Coronado HS—

- The robotics team from Coronado (Cougars Gone Wired) participated in the Colorado Regional FIRST Robotics Competition at the University of Denver from March 24—26, 2022. The Cougars Gone Wired achieved the Team Spirit Award. Congratulations!



Doherty HS -

- Meet the new Colorado State JROTC Drill CHAMPIONS !! Doherty Navy JROTC competed against 15 other schools in March at the Colorado State JROTC drill meet at Fountain Fort Carson High School . Doherty was garnered the Governor's Cup, which is awarded each year to the top drill team of all JROTC branches in Colorado. Congratulations SPARTANS!
- Doherty HS student Marley Harlow-Tafoya won silver for her art work in the PTA State Reflections Contest. Congratulations Marley!



Jenkins MS—

- Congrats to Mr. Dwight Pickering for winning the Ciena Grant for STEM Teachers!
- Jenkins was awarded nearly \$3,000 from the AFCEA Educational Foundation. These funds will be used to purchase flight simulator software as well as a class set of radio transmitters (drone controllers). This will allow Mr. Pickering to add a flight and space unit to his 7th/8th grade curriculum. Students will learn the basics of flight planning, drone piloting, and the related careers.
- The Ciena Grants were established to support classroom teachers with the implementation of innovative and engaging STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) programs, activities, and technology (software and hardware) to promote learning and digital equality.



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Good Things

Good Things Happening at Schools

King ES—

King Elementary had a Learning Parade. Students celebrated academic and SEL goals that they have accomplished so far this year.



Monroe ES—

Pi Day = Pie Day at Monroe!



Monroe students earned enough compliments to Pie staff members. They had a blast putting a pie in the face of Mr. Jerry (Building Manager), Ms. Francis (Counselor), Ms. Schoolmaster (VP) and Dr. Frye (Principal)

If you want to share good things happening at your school, please email Trudy Tool at Trudy.Tool@d11.org