

CSSD II



District Accountability (DAC)

UPCOMING DATES:

- November 5, 2019
Election Day
- November 7, 2019,
SAC Training,
Tesla Building,
6:00—8:00pm
- November 21
2019, Full DAC
Meeting, Tesla
Building, 6:00—
8:00pm
- November 25—
November 29, 2019
Thanksgiving Break

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Welcome

The DAC and its subcommittees are working diligently in fulfilling the various Board of Education approved charges. I want to thank everyone at the DAC for coordinating, organizing, and conducting regular meetings to discuss relevant topics of impact that affect our district, schools, and students.

At the October meeting, the DAC took a first look at the draft of the District Equity Policy. This important policy is a necessary step in our ability to inspire every mind. The community is being asked for input on this policy as we define where we are going as a district. Corey Notestine provided an update on Social Emotional Learning in the district and how the Mill Levy Override money is helping in schools. The DAC looks forward to hearing more from the Student Success and Wellness group later in the year.

The DAC Accreditation Subcommittee looked at the Alternate Education Campus (AEC) Accreditation Status for our schools. They also got an update on the Requests to Reconsider for three of our schools. Finally, the subcommittee had a preview of Hoonuit, the new software tool which will be replacing Alpine. Dr. Ed Plute, who has led this committee for many years, will be moving out of the area and stepping down from this leadership role. The DAC thanks him for his service to the District.

The DAC Budget Subcommittee has been charged with reviewing and updating the Board on several district academic programs. The Subcommittee met once over the past month to gather information and start to discuss the procedure and pathway to efficiently review the programs.

The SAC Training and Support Subcommittee finalized the agenda for the November 7th training session. Dr. Thomas will be speaking about the District Strategic Plan moving into the Academic Master Plan, and the role the SAC will play in that important work. Mr. Jeff Velej, a national motivational speaker, will be speaking on resilience education for bullying prevention. The DAC highly recommends multiple SAC members, school administrators, and school community attend this important educational session.

Lastly, as Veterans Day approaches the DAC wants to salute and thank all our active duty military members and veterans for their daily service and sacrifice. This newsletter contains information pertaining to Veterans Day events at various district schools. We encourage SACs, parents, and community members to support our local schools and veterans by participating in these Veterans Day events.

I have so much to be thankful for. On behalf of the DAC, I wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving! Remember to vote in the upcoming November 5th elections.

Velvet Stepanek

Chair – District Accountability Committee



News & Notes

School Choice Window—(November 1—February 15)

District 11 schools offer unique and exceptional educational opportunities. The Board of Education recognizes that students may benefit from having a choice of schools to attend that is not limited to school boundaries. Both in-district and out-of-district students may enroll in programs or schools within District 11, on a space available basis. The school choice window opens on November 1, 2019 and goes through February 15, 2020 for the 2020-2021 schoolyear. This opportunity will allow parents/guardians to choose the best school for their child(ren) based on needs and program opportunities.

To apply:

- Complete a Choice Open Enrollment Form and submit the form to the school they wish to have their student attend.
- The Choice Open Enrollment application can be found at:
https://www.d11.org/cms/lib/CO02201641/Centricity/Domain/179/Choice_Open_Enrollment_Application.pdf—or reference Policy JFBA/JFBB-E

Board Policies:

To view the Board policies regarding Choice Open Enrollment go to:

JFBA/JFBB—<https://www.d11.org/cms/lib/CO02201641/Centricity/domain/69/SectionJ/JFBAJFBB.pdf>—School Choice—Open Enrollment and Transfers which contains information on:

- ♦ Elective special programs (IB, SAIL etc.)
- ♦ Special programs (special education, Title I etc.)
- ♦ Employee Choice/Open Enrollment
- ♦ Transfers
- ♦ Athletics

JFBA/JFBB-R—<https://www.d11.org/cms/lib/CO02201641/Centricity/domain/69/SectionJ/JFBAJFBBR.pdf>—Regulation that contains information on:

- ♦ Processing Open Enrollment Choice Applications
- ♦ Appeal procedure

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Academic Master Plan and Equity Policy Development Surveys



If you were not able to participate in person at the World Cafes for the Academic Master Plan or Equity Policy Development, you still have the opportunity to share your input through two brief surveys. **The surveys are live and will close Monday, November 4, 2019**, so don't miss your opportunity to provide your input. The links to the two surveys are below:

- The Academic Master Plan Survey link is:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D11AcademicMasterPlan>
- The Equity Policy Development Survey link is:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D11EquitySurvey>

Don't forget to Vote

- On Tuesday, November 5, 2019, District 11 is participating in the El Paso County coordinated election
- District 11 has four Board Director seats open, with eight candidates in the election
- To view who is running and their contact information go to:
<https://www.d11.org/Page/12071>
- To view a list of Ballot Drop boxes go to:
<https://clerkandrecorder.elpasoco.com/elections/ballot-drop-boxes-vspc-locations/>
- When voting your mail ballot, be sure to sign the back of the envelope.



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Veterans Day Celebrations /Saluting America Throughout District I I

Veterans Day will be celebrated in school with events/activities throughout the District. Below, please find the locations/times for the celebrations. This is a great opportunity to attend any of the events to see how well the students/staff honor our Veterans. (As reported to Volunteer Services & Community Partnerships)

Date/Time	School	Activity
	Adams ES	Tribute Cards
11/11/19, 8:15am	Audubon ES	Color Guard, Class performances, recognition of Veterans, Former student playing Taps, Tribute Cards
11/11/19, 8:15am	Bristol ES	Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiances, Intro of Guests, Present Cards, Taps
11/11/19, 8:15am	Buena Vista ES	Program—singing of patriotic songs, listening to stories and sharing small tokens with Veterans. Tribute Cards
	Carver ES	Tribute Cards
	Chipeta ES	Tribute Cards
	Columbia ES	Tribute Cards
	Edison ES	Tribute Cards
11/11/19	Freedom ES	Bring a Veteran to lunch and an assembly at 1:30pm to honor Veterans. Tribute Cards
	Fremont ES	Tribute Cards
	Grant ES	
	Henry ES	Tribute Cards
11/8/19, 8:20am	Howbert ES	Breakfast for Howbert Service Members/families. Assembly to honor and thank our Service members. Student songs. Tribute cards.
11/8/19, 11:45am	Jackson ES	Lunch and certificates for each attending veteran. Tribute Cards
	Keller ES	Tribute Cards

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Veterans Day Celebrations /Saluting America Throughout

District 11 (Continued)



*"A true hero isn't
measured by the
size of his
strength, but by
the strength of
his heart."—
Hercules*

Date/Time	School	Activity
	King ES	Tribute Cards
	Madison ES	
11/11/19, TBD	Martinez ES	Veterans Day Event, Tribute cards
11/11/19, 8:00—10:00am	McAuliffe ES	Veteran's Day Recognition, POW/MIA table, Tribute cards
	Midland ES	Tribute Cards
	Monroe ES	Tribute cards
11/7/19, 9:00—9:45am	Penrose ES	Mr. Mason speaking, possible Boy Scout presentation, Tribute Cards
11/4/19, 9:15—9:40am	Queen Palmer ES	Color Guard to Raise colors, Outdoor Flag, Buglers will play Call to Colors, Tribute Cards
11/11/19, 12:40 & 1:40pm	Rogers ES	Recognition of service members, vocal music presentations, student presentation. Tribute Cards
11/8/19, 10:00am	Rudy ES	Presentation of colors by Boy Scouts, Musical Presentations, student presentation. Tribute Cards.
11/11/19, TBD	Scott ES	TBD, Tribute Cards
11/11/19, 8:30am	Steele ES	Music, Guest speaker, School Honor Guard
11/11/19, 8:15am	Stratton ES	Breakfast and student presentation. Tribute Cards.
11/11/19, 1:30pm	Taylor ES	Assembly honoring veterans with music.
11/11/19, 8:05—8:45am	Trailblazer	Flag-waving and Veteran Speaker, Jim Mason. Tribute Cards
	Twain	Tribute Cards
11/8/19, all day	Wilson ES	Singing and honoring of veterans, Tribute Cards.
	Galileo MS	
11/12/19	Holmes MS	Assembly with student speakers and orchestra tributes. Tribute Cards.
11/11/19, 2:45pm	Jenkins MS	Music Tributes and Guest Speaker. Tribute Cards.

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Veterans Day Celebrations /Saluting America Throughout District II (Continued)



Date/Time	School	Activity
11/11/19, 3:00pm	Mann MS	Guest speaker, Jazz Band, Tribute Cards.
11/11/19, 9:00am	North MS	Veterans Concert and Color Guard Flag Raising
11/8/19, 2:15pm	Russell MS	Assembly with keynote speaker, Music
11/11/19, 2:30pm	Sabin MS	Music and speaker. "Walk of Champions" for Veterans
	Swigert MS	
11/8/19, 9:00am	West K-8	American Legion Presentation: Color Guard to Present, Post Colors, Indoor Assembly, Bugler
11/8/19, 9:24am	Coronado HS	Honor guard and female firefighters who have served in the military
11/11/19, 10:10am	Doherty HS	Honoring community members and staff who have served. Navy JROTC runs the assembly to include the presentation of colors, a speech from a cadet and a demonstration of the drill team.
	Mitchell HS	
	Palmer HS	Tribute Cards
	Roy J Wasson Campus	ceremony
	Achieve Online	Tribute Cards
	The Bijou School	See RJWAC
	Digital	See RJWAC
	Odyssey Early College	Tribute Cards
	Tesla	Tribute Cards
	Adult Ed	See RJWAC

News & Notes (Continued) Opportunities to Give



"Nothing teaches
hope, kindness,
courage and
compassion like
helping others"
Anonymous

Harvest of Love Annual Food Drive

Harvest of Love is an annual food drive held in participating Colorado Springs and Pueblo area schools. All the food and money collected is given to Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado. The food drive will be held from October 28, 2019 through November 22, 2019.



Many of the District 11 schools participate in this drive and do an amazing job! Check with your school to see if they are participating. All participating schools will receive a certificate of appreciation. The top elementary, middle, high school and non-traditional schools that raise the most food and dollars, as well as the Cornucopia Winner (most pounds collected overall) will receive a plaque for display.

Sponsor a Wreath

- **North Middle School** will be participating in a fundraiser for Wreaths Across America by selling wreaths to honor and remember veterans.
- North Middle School will be placing these wreaths at Fairview Cemetery on Saturday, December 14, 2019. There are approximately 465 veterans ranging from the Civil War to current times buried at this cemetery. Their mission is to remember them all. The cost of each wreath is \$15.
- You may make your donation by delivering or mailing them to North Middle School to the attention of Esther Smith. It is recommended that the donations be paid in cash or check. If paying by check, make the check payable to ECBS (Evergreen Cemetery Benevolent Cemetery). If you prefer to make a donation via credit card, please use <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/42498/Overview/?relatedId=43750> to make your donation. Click on Sponsor a specific Cemetery and choose Fairview Cemetery.
- If you would like to volunteer to help place these wreaths, please contact Esther Smith at Esther.Smith@d11.org.



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The Foundation for School District 11 is pleased to once again offer our "Inspiring Creativity" educator grants for Spring semester. The application is an all online process and can be accessed through our web-site: www.foundationford11.com

The grants are awarded to applicants for specific requests designed to enhance the academic and educational achievement of District 11 students. The grants are awarded to individual educators, teams of teachers and/or District 11 personnel and parent or student groups (parent and student groups must have a D11 staff sponsor). The total amount that the Foundation will be awarding will depend upon the amount available. **Individual grant awards will range in size from \$100 to a maximum of \$300.**

The purpose of the "Inspiring Creativity" grants is to allow teachers, parents, students and staff of District 11 to provide opportunities to enrich and enhance the educational experiences for students in the district. The Foundation supports any effort that will positively impact student achievement and well-being.

All applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

- ~The impact of your project on student creativity and/or education
- ~The goals of the project and their alignment to academic standards
- ~The expected outcomes of the project and how its effectiveness will be evaluated
- ~The target population to be impacted by the project
- ~The budget for the project

Dates and Timeline:

The following timeline will be followed. Please make a note of the dates below.

- ~Oct 16--Nov 25-- grant application window.
- ~Prior to Winter Break- Notify applicants of awards.
- ~By 2nd week of Spring Semester-- funds issued to successful applicants

The Board of Directors of the District 11 Foundation look forward to this opportunity to assist you by funding projects that serve to inspire students to "love to learn". If you have any questions feel free to email the Foundation at: foundationford11@gmail.com or me at hutchwv@hotmail.com.

Please pay close attention to the "agreement" section of the application and note that applications from prior grant recipients, who have not fulfilled the agreement as stated on the application, especially the final report summary, will not be considered. If you received a grant last year and HAVE NOT sent us a year end summary report, please either do so prior to submitting a grant this year or DO NOT apply for one this year. Thank you for your understanding and compliance.

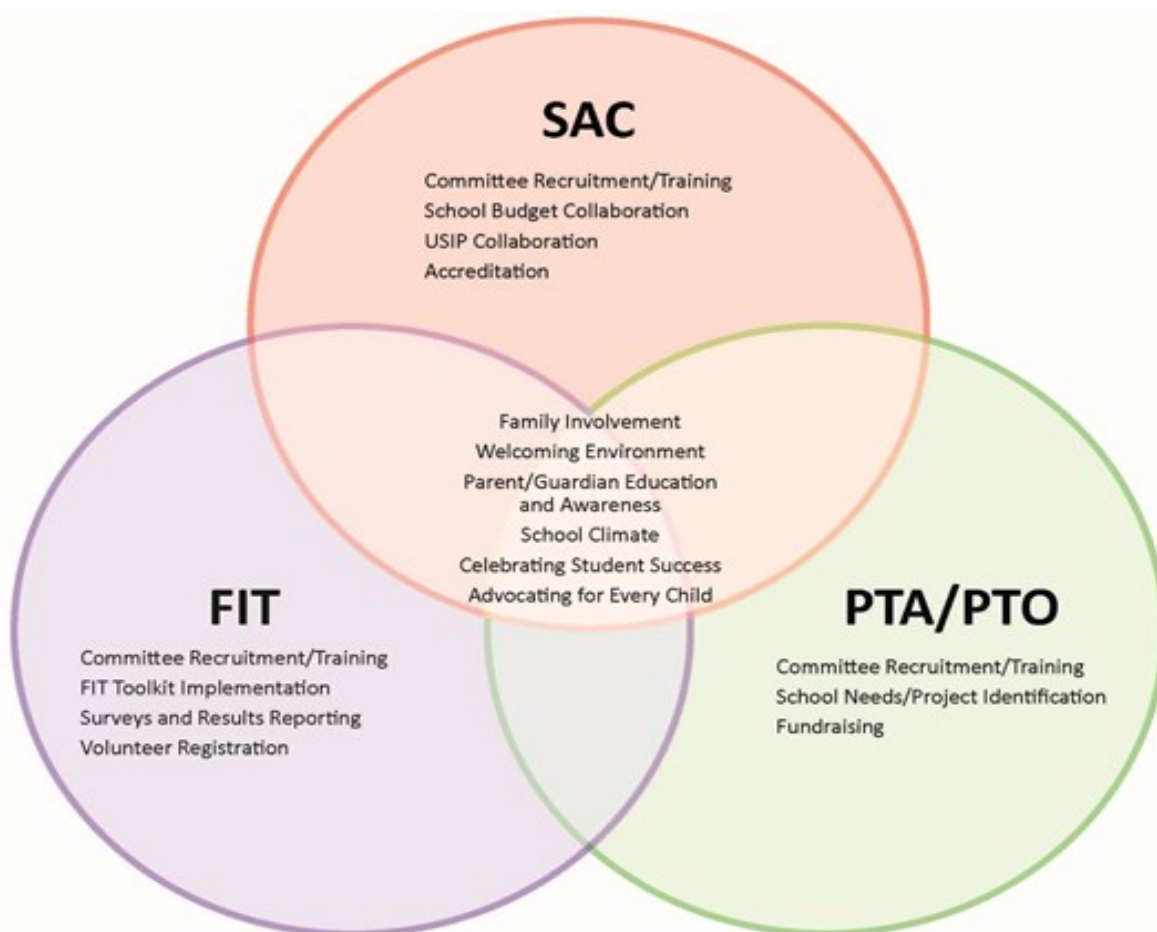
Sincerely,

Wayne Hutchison, President

School Capacity Committee Report for 2019 – 2020

- Deputy Superintendent David Engstrom, briefed the School Capacity Committee Report for 2019 – 2020 at the October 23, 2019 Board of Education meeting.
- The report updates student capacity for each D-11 school based on a defined capacity model and also provides information on student enrollment and building utilization based on the capacity model.
- The 19 – 20 Capacity Committee Report and information on the capacity model may be found at <https://www.d11.org/site/default.aspx?DomainID=3231>.
- The School Building Detail Report, a sub-component of the committee report, provides individual school profiles with five years of trend data on student demographics, school utilization, and academic results. It contains additional information and a new format this year. It is available on the same webpage, and individual school profiles are also available on each school's website under the "about us" link. Be sure to check out this information to see where your school stands on capacity, utilization, demographics and achievement.

Parent Opportunities—How they all fit together



SAC Information



Dr. Michael J. Thomas
Superintendent - District 11



Mr. Jeff Veley
Motivational Speaker



November 7, 2019

**Join Us For An Exciting, Thought Provoking
Evening Featuring:**

Dr. Michael J. Thomas –

**The Strategic Plan moving into the
Academic Master Plan, and the
role the SAC will play in that work**

Mr. Jeff Veley –

**Resilience Education for Bullying
Prevention [https://
www.jeffveley.com](https://www.jeffveley.com)**

**School Accountability Committee
(SAC) Training**

When:

November 7, 2019

Time:

6:00 – 8:00pm

Where:

**Tesla Professional
Development
Center-Auditorium
(2560 International
Circle)**

**Highly recom-
mended for
School Adminis-
trators, SAC
Chairs, SAC Mem-
bers and School
Community**

**Open to all par-
ents and commu-
nity members –
Parents are en-
couraged to bring
their Middle and
High School Stu-
dents**

**Please RSVP to Trudy
Tool at:
Trudy.Tool@d11.org
with number of people
attending from your
school and if child care
is needed**



Upcoming Deadlines of Interest to SACs

- Unified School Improvement Plan (USIP): USIPs should be completed for all schools by Nov 15th (D-11 deadline)
- READ Act: DIBELS Next Middle of Year (MOY) K – 3rd grade testing (Dec 2nd – Dec 20th)
- Galileo K-12: ELA and Math District Aligned Benchmark test (grades 2-8) #2 (Dec 9 – 13)
- Any budget/funding recommendations for 20-21 must be submitted to DAC by Feb 1, 2020 (Reference Regulation AE-R-2, (SAC By-laws) Purpose section, Item 8).

Agenda Planning—November

Theme: Achievement Gaps

Every month we intend to provide a reasonable flow of SAC agenda topics that meet the broad responsibilities of School District 11 SACs. This is just a reference tool and individual SACs should tailor agendas appropriate to their school needs and emphasis. The following are some of the agenda topics that are recommended for the November SAC meeting:

- Review/discuss components of the school's 2019-2020 draft USIP which address achievement gaps. What Response to Intervention/Multi-tier Support System (MTSS) tools is the school using, e.g. differentiation, blended learning, tutoring?
- Review instructional supports for MTSS/RTI Tier 2 and Tier 3 students including support for Gifted and Talented (GT) and English Language Learner (ELL) students
- Review MTSS Early Warning System school summary data on attendance/absenteeism, discipline, and academic concerns
- Review fall test results for DIBELS Next, Achieve 3000, and/or Galileo K-12 Aligned District Benchmark October test results as appropriate/compare with draft USIP academic targets.
- Review/discuss the school's focus on parent strategies for individual student support. Are most parents/guardians using the student information system Q and/or the new D-11 mobile app to monitor daily student assignments and progress? Has the trend on use been increasing? Do teachers use these systems effectively to inform and maintain contact with parents?

Good Things Happening in the District

Coronado High School

- Coronado HS Sophomore, Matthew Cline is using social media to promote positive interactions/complements. He started an Instagram account called “Coronado Compliments” that he runs by himself. He relies on his classmates to send in anonymous positive posts to the Instagram account. Seeing a nice compliment about yourself just makes a day feel a lot better, Matthew says. He also says “It’s always great to receive positive feedback about yourself especially when you don’t always get that”. He started the page in March and has almost 500 followers up to this point. What a great way to spread positivity to his classmates and create a more positive environment at the school.
- Congratulations to three students from Coronado HS who were inducted into the International Thespian Honor Society for Troupe 3397. The students are: Tyler Barnett-Peterson and Elizabeth Myers who earned Honor Thespian for 600+ hours and Indie Ross who earned Thespian 4-star for 400+ hours for their hard work in theatre arts. Their work in theatre arts and related disciplines help provide them with 21st century life and career skills that include: creativity, innovation, critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and effective communication.



Doherty HS

Congratulations to Doherty HS senior Joseph Barry who won 1st place in the National Automotive SkillsUSA competition in the category Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair category. The SkillsUSA Championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. The philosophy of the Championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employer’s needs. In the category of Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair each contestant was evaluated on their preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in this field (category).

Howbert ES

Howbert ES will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on Thursday, November 21, 2019 from 4:00—6:30pm. There will be memorabilia, refreshments, entertainment and more! During the week of November 18—22 they will be celebrating student spirit by having a special day each day:

- Monday, November 18th is Disney Dress-up day
- Tuesday, November 19th is Beach/Brrr Day and Time Capsule Tuesday
- Wednesday, November 20th is “Wear Your Best” day
- Thursday, November 21st is 50”s Dress-up day
- Friday, November 22nd is Howbert Spirit Day



Good Things Happening in the District

Palmer HS

Palmer HS Junior, Emma Popkin contemplated for a year what idea she could think of to earn the highest award in Girl Scouting. The task was to identify a community-minded issue, research the topic, create a plan and a team to assist, present the concept and get feedback, carry out the idea and educate others about it. She had several ideas that just wouldn't work, but settled on grow towers. The two vertical grow towers have 20 slots in each that will produce vegetables and herbs. They were installed in Palmer High School's library and will be used for the school cafeteria and for students in culinary classes. Emma hopes that other students will learn the importance of locally sourced food and feel a sense of empowerment about climate change by embracing indoor, hydroponic growing systems. Congratulations Emma on all your hard work.



Roosevelt Charter Academy

- Roosevelt Charter Academy is excited to offer ESL Adult Literature classes to parents of students who are enrolled at RCA.
- Our Adult Literature class is currently maxed out with a waiting list! There is free childcare available, students can receive help with their homework, enjoy snacks and participate in different activities while their parents are in class.
- We have asked that parents volunteer at Roosevelt and have had a great volunteer turn out. Holly Cameron, music teacher at RCA, is facilitating this program.

Please send "Good Things" happening at your school to Trudy Tool at Trudy.Tool@d11.org so we can celebrate every thing great going on in the schools and the district.