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ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY WITH FEWER RESOURCES

By Jeff Holland - Superintendent

Governor Schwarzenegger has declared a state of “fiscal emergency” due to a significant loss of revenue in California. This clears the path to set aside provisions of Prop. 98 and require education to share in the necessary cost reductions needed to cut the statewide deficit of over \$16 billion. In the weeks to come, the Governor and legislature will be meeting to determine what course of action to take. It is anticipated that education funding for 2008-2009 may be reduced as much as 10%. Though this will be a challenge that most assuredly will strain district resources, programs, and support, it remains critical that education not assume the burden of balancing the budget. Our elected officials will not only be faced with cutting costs, but the real question is how do we support quality programs and services for education in a time of reform? In my view, at some point, elected officials will need to consider a combination of cost reductions, program restructuring, less regulations on public agencies, and revenue increases through some form of taxation.

County Superintendent of Schools Office will continue working with and serving the school districts and charter schools in our county by making all resources and personnel available, as economically as possible. We support schools and districts through special education, alternative education, adult education, Williams Compliance, technology, intervention services, fiscal support, Woodleaf Outdoor School, ROP, and BTSA, to name a few.

As the county office, we will do our very best to offer support, oversight, and quality support to our districts, students, and parents through fiscal shortfalls and move forward with the education agenda as set forth by the County Board of Education, state, and federal governments.

With fiscal uncertainty ahead, the Sutter

MISSION STATEMENT

The Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office is dedicated to delivering successful solutions to the challenges of our local and regional partners by providing innovative support and services to promote education and self-sufficiency.

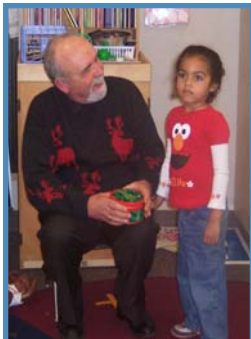
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Holiday Card Winners!

County Superintendent, Jeff Holland, presents Butte Vista Students from County-operated Programs with certificates.

L-R Students: First Place: Hannah Muntinga; Second Place: Amelie Fruhling with Elijah Phethean looking on; Third Place Jimena Mendoza



We Really Made a Difference!



The Klamath Lane staff of the Superintendent of Schools Office participated in the Adopt A Family program through the Family Intervention Team (FIT) of Sutter County. The program accepts referrals from county agencies, local schools, and community organizations. The referrals are matched with donors that provide gifts, food, and clothing at Christmas.

The involvement of the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools' staff was overwhelming. Many items were purchased making this Christmas Day memorable for a local family. Because of the effort of our staff, a family in need from our community had the greatest Christmas ever!

Annual Tri-County Regional Occupational Program Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting

By Jeff Lucas, Tri-County ROP



On December 12, Pierce High School hosted the annual Tri-County Regional Occupational Program (ROP) Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting. The Tri-County ROP offers career technical education courses to high school students and adults in Colusa, Sutter, and Yuba Counties. These courses provide training in many different occupations to prepare students for employment or for advanced training at community colleges and vocational institutes. The agriculture cluster includes eleven diverse courses including Farm Equipment and Metal Fabrication, Greenhouse Skills, Integrated Ag Biology, Welding Technology, and Floral Design.

According to Randy Page, Director, Tri-County ROP, "The purpose of employer advisory meetings is to provide an opportunity for our instructors to meet and confer with local and regional employers who review our course outlines and offer suggestions so we can keep our classes current and relevant to the workplace." Fourteen ROP instructors met with twenty-three employers and industry representatives for that very reason. Suggestions from industry representatives are incorporated into the new course outlines for next year with the meeting minutes, and submitted to the California Department of Education for review and approval.

"The advisory committee meeting here at Pierce was a success because both public and private sector representatives took time away from their busy schedules to participate," stated Page. The meeting was held at the ag technology training facility at Pierce High School. The site is large enough and well equipped to handle this kind of meeting as well as Future Farmers of America Field Day events. Cindy Rohde, ROP Ag instructor at Pierce High School and Principal, Doug Kaelin, prepared the facility for the meeting with an excellent barbecue lunch prepared by Bill Rohde of Farm Credit Services of Colusa-Glenn. A great deal of work in preparing and serving the meal was provided by student members of the Future Farmers of America.

To learn more about Tri County Regional Occupational Program courses go to rop.sutter.k12.ca.us or call 530-822-2965.

FAA Students-left to right, Ross Miller, Josh Lowman, Josh Thomas, Jacob Gwerder, Joan Cain, Josh Corona, Kevin Moss.



Cindy Rohde, Ag instructor, Doug Kaelin, Principal, Pierce High School



Jeff Holland – ACSA – CSY – SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR!

On February 25, Jeff Holland was honored by the Colusa-Sutter-Yuba Chapter of ACSA (Association of California School Administrators), as “Superintendent of the Year.” Surprised by family and over 25 staff members, Mr. Holland was called to the podium to be recognized for his undying commitment to the students of Sutter County. Jeff is a man who “gets things done,” and, since taking office in July 2003, he has guided the Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office into new territory. Feather River Academy was a twinkle in his eye and now a reality for 125 students. Woodleaf Outdoor School has longed for a place to call its own, and with Jeff’s leadership that dream will soon come true for over 6,000 children who annually attend the program. Higher education opportunities have been made available to teachers and administrators through his partnering with California State Universities and private institutions to offer post graduate course work locally. Jeff’s leadership has ensured effective instructional practices and standards-based education for our students with special needs, as well as, at-risk youth served in our county-operated programs. In the few short years Jeff has been “in charge” he has become an educational leader not only in our community, but in the region and state. He has been called upon to serve on several state-wide boards and was chairperson of the JPA of the Northern California Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA). His accomplishments and contributions to education are worthy of recognition and celebration. CONGRATULATIONS! “Way to go Jeff!” --



K-12 Teachers...

Considering an administrative position?

The Department of Education at CSU, Chico is proud to announce the debut of our newly approved Master's of Arts in Education/Administrative Services Credential program.

We are hosting an informational meeting on this exciting program to notify teachers who may want to become principals, vice principals, and other administrative personnel.

March 19 • 5:00 p.m. at Sutter County Superintendent of Schools Office

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Please Welcome!

Sutter County Superintendent of Schools is pleased to announce Karen Bowen as our new Director of Curriculum and Special Projects and Interim Director of Special Education.

Karen comes to us from the Woodland Joint Unified School District in Yolo County where she worked with a diverse population as an administrator for 10 years. She has a strong curriculum and instructional background and also leadership skills in the area of Special Education.

Karen has served over twenty years in public education. She taught a variety of grade levels at Pleasant Grove Elementary School in Sutter County before becoming an administrator in Woodland. Karen is originally from the Marysville area and has strong ties to the community.

Karen is looking forward to working directly with principals and teachers to increase student achievement in our districts and county programs. She believes all students can excel. She will be instrumental in providing innovative support and services to promote education and self-sufficiency.

Please join us in welcoming Karen back to Sutter County. She can be reached at 822-2963 or karenb@sutter.k12.ca.us.

Frustrated with your job search?

Check out the Sutter County One Stop's Youth Job Lead Packets.

Many young people want to find a job, but don't know where to look. The Sutter County One Stop compiles a weekly listing of local employers that are hiring. In addition to job openings, you can also find a listing of various Website addresses for businesses where you can either explore career information or apply online or obtain job search tips and information about the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program. So what are you waiting for? Come to the Sutter County One Stop to see how we can help you. New packets come out every Monday.

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