



City and School District Partner in a Comprehensive Initiative Aimed at Supporting Students, Families and Communities

City of San Pablo and West Contra Costa Unified School District entered into an agreement to provide matching funds to hire coordinator, case manager positions

SAN PABLO, Calif. (September 22, 2015) – The West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) and City of San Pablo today announced the launch of a new partnership aimed at providing a comprehensive, coordinated approach to achieving educational success, well-being and self-efficacy for students, families and communities.

Earlier this year, the City of San Pablo agreed to provide \$60,000 in matching funds for WCCUSD to hire two community school coordinators and one case manager for schools in that city. The agreement makes San Pablo to first city in West Contra Costa County to dedicate funding and staff to implement the school district's Full Services Community School (FSCS) initiative aimed at achieving better academic and health outcomes for youth and families by better coordinating and aligning partnerships and resources to meet the comprehensive needs of students.

"This is an historic opportunity for the City of San Pablo to play an integral role in the success of our local schools, students and their families, one that we anticipate will serve as a model for other West Contra Costa County communities to follow," City of San Pablo Mayor Kathy Chao Rothberg said. "The public funds we have dedicated towards this initiative will help fill in critical gaps in the District's and City's mutual goal of building a stronger community and develop a partnership we hope will prove invaluable towards the continued improvement of our region and its many, diverse neighborhoods."

Launched by WCCUSD in 2013, the FSCS initiative fosters partnerships between the school and other community resources, providing for an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement. By hiring coordinators to connect San Pablo students and families to services, recreation facilities, and needed resources, District and City leaders hope to improve student learning, while building stronger, healthier families and communities.

"Our partnership with the City of San Pablo is a tremendous leap forward for our Full Services Community Schools initiative, and will allow us to better provide for our students and families in San Pablo, especially those who need the most support in order to achieve success," WCCUSD Superintendent Bruce Harter said. "Our District serves many high-need communities throughout West Contra Costa County, and often the difference between a student's academic progress or stagnation can be the level of support and resources available to his or her family. This partnership

will arm the front lines in our effort to building stronger, healthier families by providing for dedicated, qualified staff to fill those gaps in critical services.”

The new positions will augment current FSCS offerings and coordinate a whole range of resources from tutoring and parent engagement to health services and counseling. Some of the FSCS resources currently available to students and families in San Pablo include United Way’s SparkPoint’s family financial literacy program at Dover Elementary School, health van services at Helms Middle School and counseling services at all district schools.

For more information about WCCUSD’s Full Services Community School initiative, visit www.westcountyfscs.org.

About the City of San Pablo: San Pablo is located in West Contra Costa County off Interstate 80, minutes away from the Bay Area cultural centers of Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco. Interstate 80 is the principal arterial route between the Bay Area and Sacramento. The City of San Pablo is nestled between the cities of Pinole and Richmond and the neighboring cities of El Cerrito and Hercules. Historically one of the oldest Spanish settlements in the region, San Pablo has become a thriving residential and business community with a population of about 30,000 in an area of approximately three square miles. San Pablo's diverse community, affordability, and access to the entire Bay Area region are advantages that are found in this "City of New Directions." In 2014, the National Civic League named the City of San Pablo an All-America City for its outstanding civic accomplishments in improving community health, strengthening neighborhood safety and bolstering its local economy. For more information, visit www.sanpabloca.gov.

About West Contra Costa Unified School District: West Contra Costa Unified School District serves nearly 30,000 students at 54 schools in the East Bay region of the San Francisco Bay Area. The District serves the cities of El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo, Pinole and Hercules, along with several unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County, including North Richmond, El Sobrante, Tara Hills, Kensington and Montalvin Manor. As a Full Service Community Schools district, WCCUSD works with its community partners to provide the resources necessary to achieve educational success, well-being and self-efficacy for students, families and communities. Among other initiatives, the District has embarked on ensuring that every school has a college-going culture supported by the resources necessary to ensure that students are eligible for, and successful at the college of his or her choice. For more information, visit www.wccusd.net.

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