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MARCH 2023

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Focus: Native American Studies Model Curriculum

The Humboldt County Office of Education (COE) is the co-lead agency in the development of the Native American Studies Model Curriculum (NASMC). By design, the model curriculum will be developed in partnership with California Tribes, other COEs, and native youth serving organizations. Perspectives and voices of California tribal community members, Native American youth, educators, and cultural bearers will lead the development of NASMC and are currently ongoing.

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Focus: Staffing Shortage/ Teacher Pipeline

In San Joaquin County, TEACH! Academy was created in response to two identified needs: a nation-wide teaching shortage including a local need, and a desire to create a workforce in San Joaquin County. In this program, students enroll in high school and San Joaquin Delta College simultaneously to get a jumpstart on their career in education. SJCOE also runs a teachers college, growing the next generation of special education teachers in a residency program.

[Learn More About TEACH! Academy Here](#)

[Learn More About Teachers College Here](#)

Focus: Fighting Fentanyl



Fresno County Superintendent of Schools has been partnering with a local television station, KMPH Fox 26 on a Fighting Fentanyl series that broadcasts every Sunday night in their 10 p.m. newscast. Fresno County SOS produces the spots with one of the station reporters reading the script. Due to the increased direct impact to schools and our students, the need to do something of this scale has only increased with the Fentanyl crisis, which would otherwise seem out of the scope for our COEs to tackle head on.

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Focus: Equity

Ventura County Office of Education presented its 3rd annual Equity Conference on March 7, hosting it in person for the first time. This year's conference took on added significance following the COVID-19 pandemic, which amplified existing inequities and challenges faced by many students. More than 300 educators, parents, students and community members attended the free event with 16 breakout sessions. The sessions covered a variety of topics such as SEL, migrant education, homelessness, LGBTQ+ students and more. One of the most popular sessions featured a panel of 20 students who eloquently shared their experiences volunteering at their schools' wellness centers. Dr. César Morales, Ventura County Superintendent of Schools, decided to present the event at no charge to eliminate financial barriers to attendance.

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Focus: Cradle to Career/College and Career Readiness

Using a collective impact approach to a countywide vision, **San Bernardino** County Superintendent of Schools has created the Cradle to Career Roadmap to provide simple and useful resources so that every student will have a college and career readiness mindset. The Roadmap helps identify key milestones in a child's

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academic and social readiness, while encouraging partnerships with all sectors of the community to support the goal of meeting the educational needs of all students from cradle to career.



March was Literacy Month so we want to highlight Napa County Office of Education. This is the 20 year anniversary of their Napa County Reads program. Each year they bring an author to Napa to do school site visits and then an evening community event. They purchase with donations 100s of copies for middle school students to read, and promote the book to the community in a county-wide book club.

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