

Updates from the Directors

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- Special Education Bridge program
 - 29 Conejo teachers
 - [Thank you video shared at VCOE](#)
- Conducting weekly virtual office hours for all Elementary Administrators and service providers
 - Principal on Special Assignment and coordinator are present to help answer questions and support the team
- Conducting weekly meetings via Zoom for Deans of Student Services at each middle school site and 1 in person meeting monthly with other Directors in Student and Instruction services
 - Last month we reviewed: Transition articulation meetings for students moving from elementary to middle school, middle school to high school and high school to postsecondary; middle school achievement data; summer school options; middle school course of study (including reviewing essential standards); access and analysis of SIRAS data
- Meeting with Secondary Department Chairs monthly in person
 - This past month we reviewed ESY planning, curriculum/instructional strategies and input on a special education handbook for case managers
- Co-Teaching planning
 - Meeting with principals monthly to support
 - Continued support by our Inclusion TOSA
 - Observes and gives feedback to teams
 - [Resources provided to co-teaching partners](#)
 - Handbook and FAQs in development
 - Handbook is for administrators and teachers, topics in the draft include: purpose, definition, implementation (teacher pairings, scheduling, classroom composition), collaboration, delivery, co-teaching instructional

models, collaborative assessments, best practices, professional development and annual timelines, observations, evaluations, and feedback of/with teachers

- Planning staffing for 23/24
- Update on curriculum
 - SONDAY - intensive intervention for reading for grades 2-5; all elementary learning center teachers and multiple specialized program teachers have been trained
 - Currently collecting inventory of curriculum and supplemental resources being used across programs and researching possible intervention curriculum for reading intervention in secondary settings
- ESY Planning
 - June 21- July 21 (No school July, 3, 4, 5)
 - Locations, Be Me, Aspen, Westlake HS