

A DESTINATION DISTRICT

* District Update *

Upcoming events and reminders:

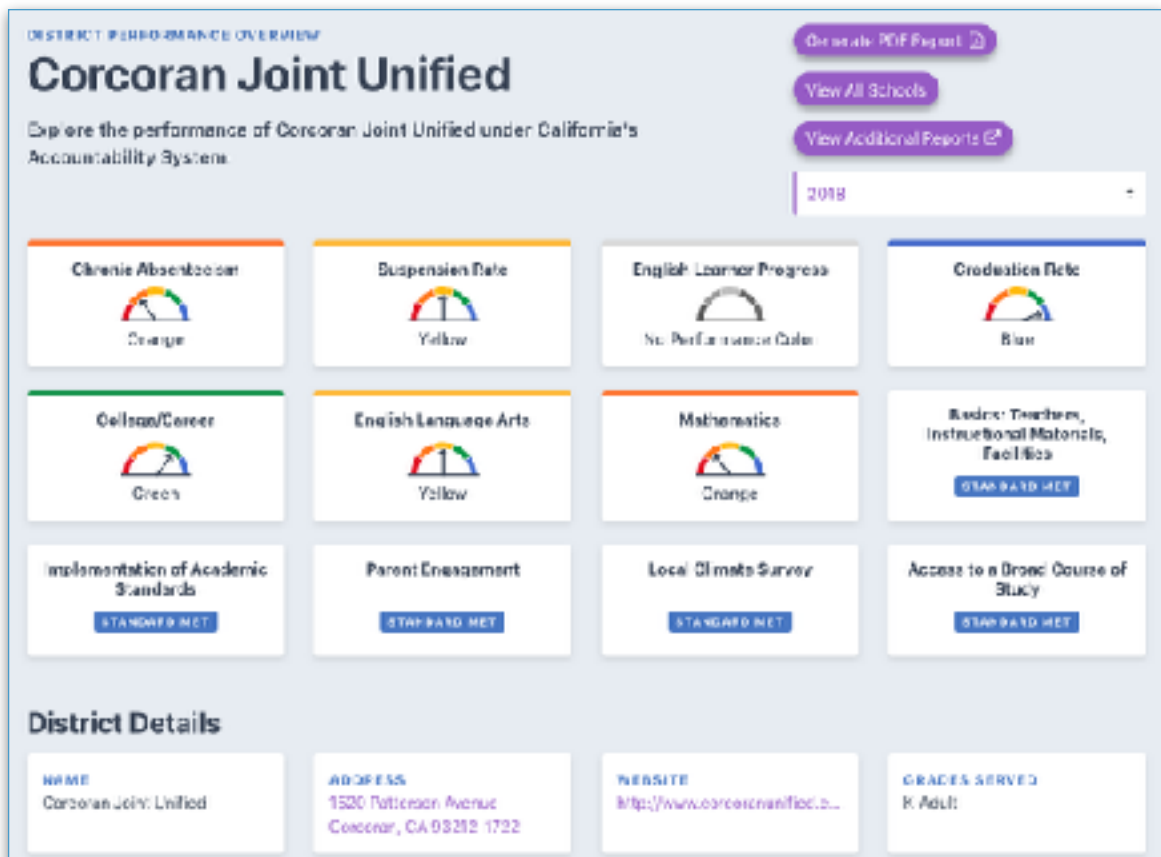
- Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Thursday, December 6 at 3:30 p.m. in Board Room
- Board Meeting Tuesday, December 11 at 6 p.m. in Board Room
- Winter Break, December 17-January 4, NO SCHOOL, Holiday

California School Dashboard

The new State Dashboards are being published this week, and it appears all of us will be going through somewhat of a learning curve in interpreting the various dashboards that represent schools and school districts.

You can see each dashboard indicates a specific color that represents the status of each of the areas being measured. Also, you notice there are indicators that measure either "Standard Met" or "Standard Not Met."

This is the first public representation of how our schools and how our district is doing with the new State indicators. Of course every district and every school in the State would love to see all "blues," but this is a baseline for how we are doing in all of the areas measured. The good news is improvements and growth in these areas is part of the calculation. We are already seeing improvements in the areas needed most, and we are looking forward to moving the needle in all areas.



Every Corcoran Student Can Achieve!

Quotes and Proverbs

The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have.

- Vince Lombardi

I relate this to our results as indicated in our baseline dashboard. We celebrate areas of strength, but more importantly, we look intently on improving our areas of need. We are honest and sober minded about improving student achievement, suspension rates and chronic absenteeism.

Some may ask the question, "Yes, but how do we improve student behavior and even items like student attendance?" The answer lies behind the belief and understanding is what we do on our campuses makes a difference.

We have systems in place in working with students and parents who may be struggling in getting to school consistently. These include but are not limited to meeting with parents sooner in face to face meetings when students begin to miss school.

We also see how our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program have decreased suspensions sharply in our district and throughout our schools. The Dashboard might not show it, but the system continues to bring improvements in student behavior.

Lastly, more and more of our staff have developed confidence and expertise in our ability to know and teach the new standards as our students begin a journey toward greater competency in the new State Testing (CAASPP: California Assessment of Student Assessment and Progress).



Mission 13 Experiment Finalists



Groups of John Muir students were recognized at the board meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2018. These students are part of finalist groups that have submitted their professional proposals to be processed and reviewed by the SSEP Team.

(Front row) Principal Dave Whitmore, Karen Mendoza Alvarez, Alaina Solario, Luz Medina, Anneliese Trevino, Mariana Moreno, Rozalynn Yang-Garza, Guadalupe Garcia, Jari Stokes, Vice Principal Huizar.
(Back row) Trustees Sammy Ramirez, Patty Robertson, Karen Frey, and Robert Alcorn.

Corcoran High School



Girls from the High school's Ag pathway class attended the Women in Trades Conference where they heard from journey-women and female apprentices that work with the many Apprenticeship programs offered in the Central Valley. They were given the opportunity to participate in hands-on demonstrations and gain more information provided by the apprenticeship coordinators.



Health Occupations students visited San Joaquin Valley College in Visalia where they learned about the many programs offered to them upon graduating. They were able to participate in creating hand sanitizer with the Pharmacy Tech professor (left) and answer some critical thinking questions from the Business degree professor. (below)



Caught in the Act



Samantha Molina

What is your work history, including at CUSD?

I started my nursing career in 2014 at Hacienda HealthCare in Hanford. I worked the night shift there until October of this year when I started working for the district. This is my first time working for Corcoran Unified School District, and I am currently working as the Nurse at Fremont.



What is most rewarding to you when working with students or in your job?

It feels great to be able to make the students smile and feel better when they come in to see me. It's very rewarding working with kids. It's something I've always wanted to do and I am so grateful that I get to now.

What special project(s) are you working on with the students or in your job?

I currently do not have any special projects since I am still getting my own routine set, but I look forward to many projects in the future.

Who has been the biggest inspiration in your life?

My grandmother was the biggest inspiration for me. Over the many years and summer vacations that I spent at her house, she taught me so many things. She taught me how to cook, prayed for me, and gave me the inspiration to become a nurse. I miss her every day.



Tell us a little about yourself:

I grew up in Corcoran and did my many years of schooling here. I graduated in 2010 from Corcoran High School and took my CNA class, my stepping stone into the medical field. I worked as a CNA for a while and decided it was time to go to nursing school. I got my degree at San Joaquin Valley College in 2013 and started working as a nurse right away. I am raising two handsome little boys and have a wonderful boyfriend. I love being a mom and I am thankful for my family.

If the world were listening, what would you say?

Even when you feel that life isn't going your way, just say a little prayer and give it some time. There is a plan for you and everything will work out the way it's supposed to.



Caught in the Act

KINGS LAKE EDUCATION CENTER

What is your work history, including at CUSD?

I have been working at Kings Lake Education Center for the last year and a half. I am teaching high school students at Mission Community Day School.

**DON'T
GIVE UP**

What is most rewarding to you when working with students or in your job?

I would say helping students who have gone down the wrong path by being a positive role model to them. Encouraging them not to give up on their dreams and to work hard for what they want.



Esteban Casas

What special project(s) are you working on with the students or in your job?

I am working towards my multiple subject credential and looking forward to continuing my career at Corcoran Unified Schools. In the classroom, I enjoy reading novels with the students because I feel like within the story, there is something that the students can relate to in real life. Our class discussions help build a more open and positive relationship between my students and me.

Who has been the biggest inspiration in your life?

The biggest inspiration in my life has been my parents. They grew up working in the fields as did I and they showed me the value of hard work. They always pushed me to continue my education and to be a better role model for my son.

Tell us a little about yourself:

I'm 25 years old, graduated from Fresno State University with my criminology degree and was looking to pursue a career in law enforcement. I started substituting high school, and I fell in love with the education field. I feel like I could be a better help to my community in the classroom than out on the streets. I love to travel, and I look forward to visiting many new places around the United States and the world.



If the world were listening, what would you say?

Many of my students seek someone to guide them down the right path. I simply give them the right tools to choose theirs.



CHS Band Holiday Concert

When?
Monday
December 3rd,
at 6:30PM



Where?
**CHS Gerald Schwenk
Auditorium**

Free Admission
(Donations Appreciated)

