

# SAN CARLOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20



## Governing Board Report Special Education/Alternative School February 14, 2013 Donald Hancock, Director

One of the most important areas of community involvement is to coordinate with the various agencies in the area of youth needs. I meet regularly with the Wellness Clinic to help identify our students and to coordinate the services they need.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education is moving forward with the training sessions for all SPED Staff. The training sessions are for 45 minutes twice a month from 7:30 am to 8:15 am. The sessions covered this month are *Initial Evaluations and Writing IEP's*. Reviewing Student SPED files is an on-going process. The SPED staff will be conducting approximately 200 meetings with parents between now and the end of the school year.

### ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

The Alternative school is at capacity at the present with 68 enrolled students. There are 4 students in the Juvenile Detention Center and 3 young mothers working online from their homes. Graduation is foremost on their minds. We have worked out an agreement with Peridot Housing for the use of their computer lab in the Moonbase area for our students to work on their school work when not in class. We have begun the process of interviewing each student and showing them where they are in their graduation progress.

We continue to use Khan Academy which is a free Math tutorial video program to help students with their math. If the students do not understand a math problem anywhere from Kindergarten to Advanced Calculus it will show them a video on how to solve the problem. If you want to view the program go to [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org), it is free and easy to use.

We hold a monthly parent night for the parents to come in and see what opportunities are available for the students. We have included guest speakers from various schools and agencies. Four of our students who passed all three of the AIM's tests will receive their IPAD's at the next meeting. School Board members are welcome. Hamburgers, hot dogs and a drink are provided through JOM funding.

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## **PRE-SCHOOL**

We currently have 30 students in pre-school. 15 in the AM and 15 in the PM sessions. The Child Find held February 8 identified 6 more students who need special education services and qualify for SCUSD Pre-School. They will begin attending in March.