

WEEKEND MEMO**Number 296**

To: WCCCD Board of Trustees

From: Dr. Curtis L. Ivery

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I am pleased to announce that we have already set a new record for enrollment of 12,062 students, and we still have six days of registration left for the Fall 2001 semester. We last had this many students in 1990. Our enrollment this term should ultimately exceed 13,000 matching the enrollment of 1983-84. The Districts' staff continues to work hard to generate these figures.

I recently received notification from the United States Department of Education that the District has been designated as an eligible institution for fiscal year 2000 under Title III of the Higher Education Act. This designation permits the District to obtain the waiver of the non-Federal share of the Federal Work Study Program (FWS) and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) Program, resulting in a budget savings of approximately \$325,000.

The Education First Foundation Scholarship Committee has conducted interviews for the Fall 2001 Scholarship awards. There were over 18 volunteer panelists from the private and corporate sector involved in the all day process with approximately 84 interviewees. Nineteen students were awarded academic scholarships ranging in value from \$250 to \$1,500.

On Friday, I had the opportunity to address a unique gathering of representatives from more than 35 countries worldwide to map out strategies for our upcoming Global Education Workshop. We exchanged ideas on how to make this a success and everyone at the meeting expressed their willingness to work with us on the project. The group agreed to organize itself as an Advisory Group to the Chancellor as we strive to embrace global education in a more meaningful and positive way for the District.

This week, I continued my efforts to meet with community based organizations to provide information and seek support for the millage. On Monday, we hosted a meeting with media representatives, both print and radio. More than thirty people attended the meeting. On Friday, the Northwest Campus hosted a luncheon with approximately 50 community supporters and leaders. I also spoke to that group about our efforts.

Educational Affairs- Dr. Joann Pieronek, Vice Chancellor for Educational Affairs

- On Wednesday, Dr. DePetro, Mary Thakady and GradePoint successfully tested using video through the current e-learning software. This video application will allow WCCCD to create ITV rooms at any campus with current hardware and software. Bandwidth issues at each campus need to be addressed but options such as those used at the Lutheran campus are being investigated.
- On Thursday, Dr. DePetro assigned all telecourses (21) a BlackBoard course for instructor's to optionally use this semester. Next semester, using BlackBoard for telecourses and Interactive TV courses will be required.

Workforce and Economic Development- Michael P. Dotson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Financial Reporting

- On Tuesday, Dr. Smith met with Deborah Winston, Principal of Detroit Arts and Science Academy, to plan a Child Safety Youth Workshop. The workshop is designed to educate students on precautionary measures to protect themselves, but also using preventive measures to improve their safety at home, and train them on how to avoid a kidnapping attempt.
- Also on Tuesday, Dr. Smith met with Dr. Arthur Carter to plan a "Building Skills for Academic Success" Workshop for students enrolled in the Riverfront Technical Academy and Sankore Marine Immersion High School Academy.
- On Wednesday, Dr. Smith and Joanne McArdle met with Dr. Caesar Mickens from DPS, to discuss computer-training classes for DPS's clerical and administrative staff. The program will be initiated Fall, 2001.
- Also on Wednesday, Dr. Smith met with Rev. Horace Sheffield to plan an Oral Hygiene Youth Workshop. The workshop will highlight that good oral health and good general health are inseparable.
- On Thursday, Raquel Garcia and Joanne McArdle began writing a Business Opportunity Demonstration Grant proposal for Ford Motor Company's Romeo Engine Plant. If approved, the District will use its WorkKeys System and Wisconsin Instructional Design System in the plant's training.

Institutional Research, Planning, and Development – Dr. Kenneth A. Harris, Dean

- On Wednesday, Christine Freeman received the "Spirit of Detroit" award from the Detroit City Council for her concern and efforts on behalf of students seeking a means to further their education.
- Also on Wednesday, Dean Harris met with Steve Nafe of the Regional Chamber of Commerce, to review the way in which the Chamber will portray WCCCD in the Detroit 2002 Regional Report. This document will be widely distributed to

encourage regional economic development and will provide information to the business community regarding WCCCD.

Government Relations- Jonathan Cartwright, Director

- On Tuesday, Jonathan Cartwright met with Rev. Horace Sheffield, Pastor of the New Galilee Church, concerning community issues.
- Also on Tuesday, Jonathan Cartwright hosted the Education First Radio Show with Dr. Hattie Johnson-Norris, Donnell Mason and Ronald Trice concerning activities at the Northwest Campus.
- On Wednesday, Jonathan Cartwright met with Karen Dumas of the Front Page, concerning community and educational issues.
- Also on Wednesday, Jonathan Cartwright met with Derrick Knight of Comcast, concerning community issues.

Downtown Campus- Dr. Carolyn Wade, Provost

- Beginning Fall 2001, the District is offering two new programs at the Downtown Campus. The Carpenter Framer Training Program is an articulated agreement between the District and the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan. The 18-week course will consist of construction and safety techniques, tool operation, building code requirements, estimating and construction related mathematics. The Paralegal Technicians Program will provide administrative and technical assistance to lawyers, clients and court systems. The program offers training in legal settings that provide knowledge of laws and legal procedures and the ability to interpret legal documents and technical information.

Eastern Campus- Annie Comor-Jacobs, Provost

- On Tuesday, Provost Jacobs and Ethel Cronk met with representatives from CVS to continue planning for the Career Pathways Conference on Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the Eastern Campus.
- On Friday, Susan Erhardt, Greening of Detroit's Outreach Coordinator, held a training session for the students from the Pre-Service/Urban Teacher's Program on how to make seed boxes for children.

Northwest Campus- Dr. Hattie Johnson-Norris, Provost

- On Thursday, Dr. Johnson-Norris hosted a "Chat with the Provost" reception. Discussion included strategies for students to be successful.
- On Friday, Dr. Adger Butler and Dr. Brantley met with Angela Kennedy, Executive Director, MATRIX Human Services concerning upcoming seminars. The program will motivate student enrollment in human service and other curricula, while

providing them with a series of workshops on parenting, skills upgrades and a sense of self-confidence needed to assure success.

- This week, Dr. Brantley met with representatives from the Out-County Head Start Program and the Association of Adoption and Foster Care regarding parenting classes.

Western Campus- Dr. Marjorie Oliver, Provost

- On Monday, Frank Romba spoke with Naomi Bewinter, Dean of Student Services from North Central Michigan College, regarding an articulation agreement for the HEM program.
- On Tuesday, Frank Romba and Jim Amross from CRST, held two informational seminars for students regarding specialized CRST training and our open enrollment in the Professional Truck Driving program.
- On Wednesday, Frank Romba spoke with William Musham, Director of Romulus Community and Technical Education, to discuss the Fall 2001 enrollment for the Romulus High School Heavy Equipment Maintenance program.
- On Thursday, Frank Romba met with Jerry Goodridge, Human Resource Director, Farmer Underwood, to discuss training opportunities in the HEM and Professional Truck Driving programs.