

News from the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office

February 2021

Scott W. Lay, Superintendent

Sustaining and Spreading ILC Principles Blog

Congratulations to the NCSOS Nevada County Network Improvement Community team focusing on Universal Design for Learning - Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Accountability - Andrea Marks, and our instructional coaches - Carrie Ferrero, Steve Hansen, Meghan Salter, Kimberly Ewing, and Chris Thibodeau, for their work with the Instructional Leadership Corp (ILC) which highlights cross-role collaboration to develop local educators' expertise on Universal Design for Learning (UDL). The Nevada County ILC team is leading a coordinated effort across seven districts and the county office to develop teacher leader cohorts using UDL inquiry cycles to address problems of practice related to student engagement - our county educators appreciate all of you! More information can be found on the [ILC Principles Blog](#) or contact [Andrea Marks](#)



Nevada County ILC Team

California Health Education Framework (HEF) Rollout Project

The California Health Education Framework was created to offer up-to-date, relevant guidance on how to effectively implement the Health Content Standards in K-12 classrooms.

What: A five-session training that prepares educators to simply and effectively implement the new California Health Education Framework in the classroom.

Where: All sessions will be offered via Zoom and will include both asynchronous and synchronous modules.

Who: This training is not just for health teachers. All K-12 teachers are encouraged to attend as well as school nurses, counselors and administrators.

To learn more, watch: [Should I attend the Health Education Framework Training?](#)

Registration information was released to school administrators on December 2nd. Please contact [Andrea Marks](#) for more information.

Distance Learning Resources can be located on the [NCSOS Distance Learning Webpage](#)

Student Enrichment

Young at Art

Young at art is happening in Spring 2021. It's the largest youth arts exhibit in Nevada County! Begin collecting your favorite art projects and art pieces. School participation and installation begins first week in **March, 2021**.

For more information regarding Young at Art, please visit our [Arts webpage](#) or contact [Kimberly Ewing](#)



Educationally Speaking Radio Show

Educationally Speaking is a bi-monthly radio talk show on KVMR 89.5 FM with your hosts Superintendent Scott W. Lay and Kimberly Ewing.

February's first show, on February 2nd highlights Chris Thibodeau, a Union Hill School math and science teacher, and some of his 6th grade students about Flipped Classrooms during the Pandemic. Student guests share how they feel it's working and Chris discusses the challenges of distance learning and student successes and achievements with this new model of instruction.

SAEL 2021 Enrollment

Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning (SAEL) is now accepting applications for the 2021/22 school year for 9th grade and transfer students.

Information sessions will be held on: February 24th, March 11th, and April 21st
To RSVP for one of our Information Sessions or for more information, please call SAEL at (530) 268-2200 or email Kristina at kmclean@sierraacademy.net

Apply here:

<http://www.sierraacademy.net/enrollment.php>

Independent Living Program

A new year has begun and we are moving forward in our Independent Living Class with group discussions and classes led by Children's Behavioral Health staff and supported by the NCSOS ILP staff. We have discussed emotions, new year goals and drawn pictures of how to "go with the flow". We have had our NCSOS tutors working in over drive to assess the needs of our youth and helping our students navigate their virtual learning. We are half way through the school year and we are hopeful that with teacher, parent, tutor and administrator support, our students will graduate on time. This is the beginning of a new year with new lessons and new hope.

We had gracious donations from an anonymous community member that gave five former foster youth students \$100 each. They were grateful for the gift. We also had a kind community member make and donate five fingerless gloves that our youth found to be fashionable and useful. Our holiday appreciation was abundant. We had two gingerbread house winners and those two hard working youth both received \$20 gift cards of their choice.

In our Transitional Housing Plus Program, we have continued to support our consumers through supporting goals, budgeting funds, and finding employment. We are happy to announce that one of our students finished her Bachelor's degree of Arts in History and is ready to become a local substitute teacher. We have been focused on individual plans that accommodate the personal life and the world as it is today. Some have chosen not to attend college at this time and some have changed their field of employment. We continue to guide and empower their learning as they navigate 2021.

Quick Reference Calendar

February Dates to Remember

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Tuesday, February 2, 2021	KVMR 89.5 Radio Show with hosts Scott W. Lay and Kimberly Ewing Topic: Flipped Classrooms during the Pandemic.	6:30PM
Thursday, February 4, 2021	California Health Education Framework (HEF) Training	3:30-4:30PM
Friday, February 12th—Monday, February 15th, 2021	NCSOS Office will be closed in Observance of Presidents' Day	8:00AM-5PM
Tuesday, February 16, 2021	KVMR 89.5 Radio Show with hosts Scott W. Lay and Kimberly Ewing Topic: TBD	6:30PM
Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting	3:30-5PM
Wednesday, February 24, 2021	California Health Education Framework (HEF) Training	3:30-4:30PM
Thursday, February 25, 2021	Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting	3:30-5PM

Future Dates to Remember

- * **Monday, March 8, 2021 1:00-2:30pm:** McKinney Vento Quarterly Meeting
- * **Tuesday, March 23, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Wednesday, March 24, 2021 3:30-4:30pm:** California Health Education Framework (HEF) Training
- * **Thursday, March 25, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting

- * **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Wednesday, April 28, 2021 3:30-4:30pm:** California Health Education Framework (HEF) Training
- * **Thursday, April 29, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting

- * **Monday, May 10, 2021 1:00-2:30pm:** McKinney Vento Quarterly Meeting
- * **Tuesday, May 25, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Mathematics Community of Practice Monthly Meeting
- * **Thursday, May 27, 2021 3:30-5:00pm:** Science Community of Practice Monthly Meeting

Submissions for future Nugget issues:

Please submit your request by the 15th of the preceding month for inclusion in the following issue.

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