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Nea Community Learning Center
Learning to learn and the lifelong quest for knowledge

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**Board Meeting: December 18, 2014**

**Executive Director Report –Patti Wilczek**

Overview

- Phase 1 of ACLC's locker installation complete
- Nea's Curriculum Committee's visioning: Career Pathways Trust Grant
- CLCS to become training sites for Cal State East Bay grad students
- Plans and relationship-building underway to become a student teacher training site for Mills College and Cal State East Bay
- BIIG Grant application submitted

1. Phase 1 of ACLC's locker installation occurred over the holiday break. Thank you to Ken Carvalho for overseeing the pouring of cement curbs, to which the lockers will be bolted over the winter holiday.

2. Annalisa Moore and Jana Chabre (Chair of Nea's Curriculum Committee) have been facilitating a months-long process of visioning for Nea. Consisting of facilitators, learners and parents, the Curriculum Committee has been examining how to differentiate Nea's grade 6-12 program, while remaining true to the school's vision, philosophy and values. Through this process, the group has closely researched ways in which professional work-place partnerships can be used to foster career and college readiness for all of Nea's learners. In addition, the advantages of providing rich and meaningful opportunities for learners to develop work-place skills while enrolled in high school have been identified (e.g., greater employ-ability, advantages when applying for college, greater self-confidence). Through this work, the group has developed a proposal to bring Career Technical Education to Nea through partnerships with the College of Alameda and the Eden Area Regional Occupational Center. Their ideas will be presented to the CLCS board during this month's meeting. If there is a commitment to move forward in this direction for Nea, I will apply for a Career Pathways Trust grant -- State funds available for the implementation of professional work-place skills development programs, grades Kinder through 14. The Intent to Apply has been submitted, indicating our intent to seek up to six million in this two-year grant.

3. We have formalized a partnership with Cal State East Bay, one that will have ACLC and Nea become training sites for graduate students in their School Psychology and

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School Counselor programs. We are most excited about this opportunity, and have already received inquiries from masters-level students interested in completing their fieldwork under the supervision of our Nea and ACLC support staff.

4. The process of establishing partnerships with Mills Collega and Cal State East Bay, specifically with their teacher training programs is well on its way. It is anticipated that we will have student teachers from Mills next fall, and we may be on target to receive students from CSEB for the spring term.

5. We have submitted an application for the Broadband Infrastructure Improvement Grant, being offered through the California Department of Education. If awarded, funds will be used to increase our computer infrastructure.