



Bike to Work Day May 20



More than 40 bike riders stopped by the pit stop at Grossmont College during Bike to Work Day May 20. The stop was organized and staffed by members of the Campus and Public Safety Department.

Bike to Work Day is a national event celebrated annually on the third Friday in May. The Grossmont College pit stop was one of 100 pit stops around the county that were available to bikers.

Contract renewed with Barnes & Noble

The District has renewed its contract with Barnes & Noble to run the college bookstores, extending the contract period for five years to June 30, 2021. The key points of the contract are:

- A continued 6.5% commission for gross sales up to \$6 million
- An increased commission from 10% to 12% for gross sales over \$6 million
- A \$10,000 scholarship for use at the District's discretion
- A \$2,000 donation to the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges
- An increase from \$120,000 to \$140,000 as the amount that Barnes & Noble will spend for renovations to the bookstores, including design, construction, and installation of fixtures
- Barnes & Noble will set the book rentals at competitive pricings for each title

A new color for the District website



The background color of the www.gcccd.edu website was changed from a greenish-gray to white on June 14. The new color is easier to read, conforms with the college websites, and provides a background that better displays the home page images.

Tentative Budget Workshop

The Governing Board held a Tentative Budget Workshop on June 14, with information about the district's budget presented by Doug Jenson, associate vice chancellor for business services. The total general fund budget for

2016-17 is projected to be \$179.3 million. After years of FTES funding reductions, the District has now been restored and is now projecting a 2% growth.

The major budget challenges are increased costs for compensation, PERS and STRS, health benefits, and utilities and operating costs. Proposition 30, which was approved by voters in 2012, is a temporary tax and the sales tax increase will end in December 2016, while funds from income taxes will end in December 2018.

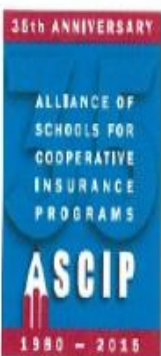
The next step after approval of the tentative budget will be developing the adoption budget to be brought before the Governing Board this fall.

District Services retreat

District Services employees met at the Santee Community Center June 15 to develop plans and goals for 2016-17. It was the first time that all District Services employees met jointly to discuss planning.

The morning began with each person creating a white board display of the “whys” that motivate them each day and sharing the details with others at their tables.

Each department then created its plans based on the District Services goals. Employees were asked to think about the goals and values that were important to them, and how in with their jobs at District Services



Insurance award

The District is a recipient of the Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs (ASCIP) Award recognizing members for its “dedication to creating a culture of safety” with its risk-management practices during fiscal year 2014-15.

A check for \$6,000 and a certificate of excellence were awarded.

Alliance coordinator

Jesse Enriquez is the new coordinator for the East County Education Alliance, the partnership between the college and high school districts to make the transition from high school to college or careers more seamless.

Professional Development

Decision making was the topic of May’s Professional Development Workshops offered through Human Resources at both sites. In late June, a “Pathway to Extraordinary Productivity” workshop will be offered in two sessions. In the next few months, the professional development workshops will focus on compliance-based training.