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Greetings,

Now that academic year 2013-2014 is underway, it is time to convene the KCCD Consultation Council. I appreciate your interest and commitment to serving on the district-wide Consultation Council. Your advice and support will be important as we discuss policy and issues to advance our mission and strategic plan. As partners, we share responsibility for district-wide student access and success as we fulfill our mission to provide outstanding education programs and services to meet the needs of our diverse students and communities.

As we all know, each year brings with it new opportunities. This year is no different. New state and federal mandates, technology upgrades, capital construction and maintenance, accreditation and fiscal resources are just a few issues we will have the opportunity to address during the next year. Regardless of the challenges, we will seize the opportunity to do our best to meet the needs of each student and support every employee.

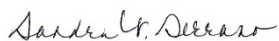
Attached are several documents for your review as a foundation to our year ahead. They include the Consultation Council Purpose Statement, 2013-2014 Calendar of Meetings, KCCD Strategic Goals 2012- 2013 to 2014-2015, and KCCD mission statement. Note that our meetings are scheduled on Tuesdays and begin at 1 p.m. Our first meeting will be held on October 22nd. This is also the first date the Statewide Academic Senate (ASCCC) and The League (CCLC) are available to provide a technical assistance workshop on the topic, "Participating Effectively in District and College Governance" with a focus on curriculum and budget decision-making processes. This workshop was requested by the 2012-2013 Consultation Council.

To access Consultation Council information and materials via the Luminis site, use your "inside BC, CCCC or PC" email login and password at <https://portal.kccd.edu/cp/home/displaylogin>. Click the group  icon at the far right, top of the page. My Groups will open. Select the Consultation Council.

Two weeks before a meeting, you will receive an email asking if the constituency group you represent has an agenda item to add to the Consultation Council agenda and if so, to include a brief description of the issue. The Consultation Council meeting agenda and supporting material will be available no later than the Thursday preceding the meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be available within 10 days after the meeting. Bringing issues forward from constituents and sharing our dialog with constituents after our meetings are among our most important tasks as Council members.

Again, I look forward to your engagement to achieve meaningful outcomes as we strive to be recognized as exemplary leaders, partnering with our communities to develop potential and create opportunities.

Sincerely,



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