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STUDENT VOICES Palos Verdes High School senior Maceo Dabney spoke to the Board about his Video Game Development career pathway. The SoCal ROC Intro to Video Game Design class provided him with a foundation of the video game industry. Maceo explained that the video game industry is thriving with rapid technological advances. He plans to continue his video game development career pathway at El Camino College. Board Vice President Heidi Ashcraft presented Maceo with a Board Certificate of Excellence.

Maceo Dabney

(l–r) Heidi Ashcraft and Maceo Dabney

RECOGNITION John Ducar, DDS received Board recognition for his support to Career Technical Education. Dr. Ducar partners with SoCal ROC to provide on–the–job training for students in the SoCal ROC Dental program. In addition to training the students, Dr. Ducar has hired a number of SoCal ROC students for his local dental practice. Dr. Ducar said that the SoCal ROC's Dental Assisting program enables students to serve in the community as well as train students with valuable skills in the workplace. Dr. Ducar also serves as an advisor member for the Health Science & Medical sector at SoCal ROC. Board Vice President Heidi Ashcraft presented Dr. Ducar a SoCal ROC Board Certificate of Recognition.

(l–r) Heidi Ashcraft and John Ducar, DDS

SoCal ROC retiree Dijural Reed was commended for her dedication to Career Technical Education for the past ten years. Ms. Reed served as a Security Officer, then as a Security Supervisor since 2003. Superintendent Dr. Christine Hoffman presented Ms. Reed with an engraved clock. Superintendent Hoffman said that Ms. Reed always greeted students and community members with a smile. Superintendent Hoffman and the Board wished Ms. Reed a wonderful retirement.

(l–r) Dr. Christine Hoffman, Alice Grigsby, Heidi Ashcraft, Dijural Reed, Bill Fournell, Trina Williams, and Al Muratsuchi

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UPDATE ON BUILDING A MODERNIZATION Superintendent Hoffman updated the Board of the Building A Modernization progress. The medical/ dental classrooms on the 2nd floor of Building A are near completion. Cabinets and floors have been installed in the classrooms. Classrooms will move from its temporary locations to the new rooms during mid–June. The new Registration Office on the first floor of Building A will open late June.

Registration area under construction.

Medical Assisting Classroom near completion.

An office in Registration Area under construction.

Dental Assisting Classroom near completion.

BUDGET UPDATE Superintendent Hoffman reported to the Board that the Budget Committee met on April 13, 2011. The committee reviewed all of the budget reduction recommendations for 2011/12. The budget reduction recommendations were approved by the Board at the March 31, 2011 Board of Education meeting. The Budget Committee also reviewed the current State Budget and was informed that the Governor is still pursing continuation of proposed tax extensions for the November 2011 election ballot. The proposed tax extension proposal failed to meet the deadline for the June 2011 election ballot. Revenue from the proposed tax extensions could reduce California's overall budget deficit.