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Redwood City 2020 Tuesday Tidbits

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Local Big Lift Collaborative Receives a Socios for Success Training

Redwood City 2020 and the Redwood City School District are our community's co-lead organizations of a collective impact effort called [the Big Lift](#), an initiative to improve 3rd grade reading proficiency levels. The four pillars of focus within the Big Lift are (1) high quality preschool, (2) inspiring summer programming, (3) attendance, and (4) family engagement.



On June 28, partners in our local Big Lift collaborative received a training in innovative family engagement led by Redwood City 2020 Executive Director Jana Kiser, who developed the principles and practices of Redwood City 2020's family engagement initiative known as Socios for Success.

The recent training for Big Lift partners was focused on three Socios for Success principles and related practices: unifying with a common mission, creating a welcoming environment, and strengths-based mutual service. Through hands-on exercises and stimulating group discussions, Big Lift partners at the training contributed to each other's learning and deepened their capacities to lead and support high quality family engagement. Partners found the training so helpful that many requested more workshops in Socios-based family engagement and suggested sharing it with partners county-wide at Big Lift Knowledge Network meetings.

An Exciting Next Chapter at Sequoia Union High School District

Redwood City 2020 is pleased to welcome a new partner! With over 25 years in public education, including 5 years as Assistant



Superintendent of Campbell Unified School District, Dr. Mary Streshly took the reigns as Superintendent of the Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD) this month. Given that SUHSD is a core member of Redwood City 2020, Dr. Streshly will be sharing her valuable experience and vision with the collaborative as a member of the Redwood City 2020 Executive Team.

Dr. Streshly is an accomplished leader and an excellent communicator with a robust background in academic administration, systemic reform, curriculum development, and financial accountability. She has successfully built and sustained strong partnerships with community organizations, parents, teachers, and board members to continually improve the educational experience for all students. Dr. Streshly has the skills and vision to advance SUHSD and Redwood City 2020, and we look forward to collaborating with her! Read more about Dr. Streshly [here](#).

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