﻿**Introduction of Parvin Ahmadi and Dr. Al Hearne by Bruce Johnson**

I want to emphasize what prizes we have leading CVUSD and RCS

I am so honored to introduce our speakers today, two outstanding, nationally recognized educators serving the children of Castro Valley and their families, Mrs. Parvin Ahmadi and Dr. Al Hearne.  Both started as classroom teachers so they truly understand the challenges faced by our teachers today. Let’s get to know them a little better . . .

Parvin is completing her fifth year as the Superintendent of Castro Valley Unified School District.  After teaching in San Jose for ten years, she moved to Fremont where she taught and then served as a vice principal, principal, director, and assistant superintendent for thirteen years before becoming the Superintendent in Pleasanton.   She holds a Bachelor's degree from San Jose State, a Masters in Teaching from National Louis University in Chicago, and a Masters in Educational Leadership from St. Mary's College of California.   She founded the Castro Valley Community Alliance in 2016, a collaborative group of community and educational leaders, students and families advocating for compassion, understanding and acceptance.  Parvin was named the 2019 Woman of the Year for Senate District 10 by California Senator Bob Wieckowski.  Parvin is on the Board of the Association of California School Administrators and was appointed to the Assembly Speaker's Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Learning, which has finished the roadmap which the governor is using to improve early learning (0-5 year olds) opportunities for children.   She also has taught the instructional leadership module of the Superintendents Academies in northern and southern California for the last seven years. This is an academy that new superintendents and aspiring superintendents attend, and serves on the Board of the Castro Valley/Eden Chamber of Commerce.   Parvin and her husband have two grown children and a wonderful daughter-in-law.   Both went to Fremont schools, then on to UC Berkeley.  Both their boys and her husband are engineers working in high tech.

Al is completing his fourth year as Superintendent of Redwood Christian Schools, the third superintendent in the schools fifty year history.  Al came to RCS out of college starting as a middle school math and English teacher and junior high activities director and was selected as the RCS Middle School and High as the School Principal at 28 years old, then added Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and became Superintendent on July 1, 2016.  He is in his 18th year serving the students and families who attend RCS.   He holds a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Seminary and Masters of Educational Leadership from Brandon University, and his PhD from Columbia International University, in addition to a Clear California Administrative Services Credential.  Al has served  as the Castro Valley/Eden Chamber of Commerce for two years and is currently on the chamber board, is Secretary of the Christian Charities USA (a national federation of Christian non-profits including Habitat for Humanity, Youth for Christ and seventy others), was Secretary of the Christian Childrens Charities, and is the Northern California Accreditation Chair for the Association of Christian Schools International, an association of 22,000+ school around the world, and leads multiple accreditation teams each year, including co-chairing the first Christian school in communist China.  Al is married to Megan, they have two adopted sons and are foster parents.  And I am Grandpa to all the kids!

And this is just a short description of these two outstanding educational leaders that we are blessed to have serving the children of Castro Valley.

Parvin and Al will be discussing how the Castro Valley Unified School District and Redwood Christian Schools transitioned to online, virtual learning to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.