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Recommendations from the LCAP Parent Advisory Committee and Student Advisory Council for the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

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Present recommendations for board member feedback, inform district planning and LCAP development:

- LCAP Parent Advisory Committee recommendations
- Student Advisory Council recommendations

NOTE: These recommendations were initially presented as part of a board item on February 18, 2021 and are being re-presented here to support further board discussion.

LCAP Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Recommendations

- The following recommendations were developed by the LCAP PAC over the 2019-20 year and fall of 2020.

- They build upon the priorities shared in the PAC's June 2020 presentation to the board, the input supporting the 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, and priorities shared by past LCAP PACs and other district groups.

- The LCAP PAC will continue to provide input throughout the LCAP development process. These recommendations were submitted in December 2020 following a 2019-20 PAC goal to provide initial input earlier in the LCAP process.

The recommendations are guided by four overarching priorities:

- **Coherence and consistency in the provision of a foundational educational program and experience for all students**

- **Equitable opportunities, experiences, and outcomes**

- **Disruption of the status quo - Acting on opportunities for radical changes to programs and practices**

- **Implementation of a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)**

These priorities represent through-lines that underpin the larger set of more specific recommendations.

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Foundational Educational Experience for ALL Students and ALL school sites	
Priority Area	**Recommendations**
Curricular and Instructional Practices	• Coherent, consistent, and effective implementation of UDL practices (supported by training and coaching) • All classrooms use the district's adopted instructional materials and the common assessments - staff are identified to ensure administration and monitoring • Core Academic Instruction in an MTSS framework with Differentiation in all classrooms • Effective implementation of Integrated and Designated ELD • Develop and implement a master plan for English Learner Success

Foundational Educational Experience for ALL Students and ALL school sites	
Priority Area	**Recommendations**
Robust and Equitable School Program	• All students have access to a program with arts, sports, and after-school programs (No 'pay to play') • Specialty program and GATE program demographics are representative of the district overall. • GATE Instruction: Increased access to testing, availability at all schools, and GATE PD/certification for teachers.

Integrated Supports for Students	
Priority Area	**Recommendations**
Tiered Supports •Provision is guided by data-based decision making •Proactive identification of student needs	• Increased staffing of counselors to provide mental health, supports, academic advising, and college/career guidance • Tutoring and extra periods of instruction for high needs students • Provide structured, multisensory reading intervention in all schools for all struggling readers • Tiered reengagement of unengaged students including attendance interventions

Integrated Supports for Students	
Priority Area	**Recommendations**
Expansion and Improvement of Student Support Centers and wrap-around services	• Liaisons/Case Managers for students with the highest needs • Individual Student Support Plans for students with the highest needs • Regular mental health and social-emotional check-ins to assess needs • Services for Homeless Youth and Foster Youth • Student Support Centers at all school sites

Recruit, Develop, and Retain a Highly Qualified Instructional Staff	
Priority Area	**Recommendations**
Hiring, Recruitment, and Retention	• Shift the district's start date earlier in August in order to maximize competitive advantage in the hiring landscape (this also benefits students academically in multiple ways, and in work) • Incentivize teachers to go to target schools

Recruit, Develop, and Retain a Highly Qualified Instructional Staff

Priority Area	Recommendations
Professional Development and Training -Mandatory training with clear identification of which staff are required to complete -Unification of components (Ex: MTSS, inclusive practices) -Effectiveness measured by continuous improvement science	• Increased Instructional Coaching (number of math and literacy) to reduce site case-loads. More equitable assignment of coaches to school sites Specific professional development needs include: • Alignment of instruction to Scope and Sequence • Training for all staff to improve supports for students with disabilities • Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Trauma-informed practices, mental health, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) • Implicit Bias, Anti-bias, Anti-racism, and gender issues • Restorative practices, restorative justice, and anti-bullying • Training for instructional aides

Empower and Engage Families	
Priority Area	**Recommendations**
Capacity Building	• Resources and capacity building opportunities for parents/guardians to support learning at home, including how to access/use technology • Inclusion of parents in site and district decision making • Effective staff support and translation services for all stakeholder groups (DELAC, AAAB, CAC)

Empower and Engage Families	
Priority Area	**Recommendations**
Communication	• Regular communication between home and school • Increased translation/interpretation capacity for all parents • Designated staff who are points of contact for specific student needs and/or student groups (ex; SWD, EL) • Genuine relationship building (More than just email & robocalls) • Building effective survey practices and communication practices based on data

Plan Development and Evaluation

- Use of targeted funding to specifically support students with the highest needs

- Aligned metrics and target outcomes to evaluate effectiveness of actions

- (Example: Reflection/Report to assess use of Collaboration Time)

- Increase amount of total budget represented in the LCAP

- Provide full picture of funding for identified LCAP actions (Show all funds included actions)

- Increase the level of detail in descriptions of actions

- Increased alignment to site planning (SPSAs) and district support to achieve site goals

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Policy Recommendations

Priority Area: Mental Health

Context	Recommendations
- Lack of mental health (MH) counseling services - Lack of flexibility surrounding assignments, due dates, and assessments <10 min. counseling meetings	- Annual Mental Health checks; tiered support - Regional equity - Increased student support centers - Mental health trainings for teachers and students - Alternative behavioral intervention programs - Resources for students with 504/IEP

Policy Outcomes: Mental Health

Reduced Mental Health stigma

Reduced Mental Health crisis

Increased student productivity

Priority Area: Career Preparation

Context	Recommendations
- Not all students want/have means to pursue college - Stigma surrounding trade occupations - Inequity in career preparation throughout the district - High demand but low supply for trade jobs	- Expand Rosemont's Engineering, Construction, and Design (ECD) program - Expand School of Engineering and Sciences (SES)'s career preparation - Expand the post-secondary options available to students - Provide students with information regarding trades jobs, training programs, etc.

Policy Outcomes: Career Preparation

Normalize changing mindsets regarding career path

More students informed about trade programs

More students pursuing trades careers
→ *social mobility*

Priority Area: Student Voice

Context	Recommendations
• Not all students have access to conversations • Lack of diverse representation in SAC and listening sessions • Student concerns not addressed	• Listening sessions scheduled during school operation hours • Better publicization of opportunities • Anti-bias training for staff • Interpreters for families and students who do not speak fluent English

Policy Outcomes: Student Voice

More students can share their opinions, needs, wants

Policies tailored to reflect needs/ wants of all students

All SCUSD students are supported in their education

Priority Area: Lasting Effects of Distance Learning

Context

- Young students, English Language Learners, others struggling over Zoom
  - Focus, connection
- Resource/technology inequity
- Mental Health challenges
- Ineffective college preparation
- 504s and IEPs have not been renewed

Recommendations

- Bolster tutoring programs
  - Regional equity
- Increase student support programs
- Flexibility for completing assignments
- Reject normalcy, embrace creative solutions

Policy Outcomes: Lasting Effects of Distance Learning

Reduced learning losses

Improved educational outcomes

Improved Mental Health: academic growth

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Questions?