West Contra Costa USD

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Actions & Services (Section 3A): Decentralize Funding to Schools

- Goal:2.1: Improve collaboration and autonomy at schools
- Related State and Local Priorities: Implementation of CCSS, academic content and performance standards

Major Action(s) Completed

- Created site Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) allocations for 2014-15 based on unduplicated count of low income, Foster Youth and English learners
- Distributed LCFF Allocations to schools
- Provided training to school leaders on use of funds
- Sites submitted initial budget plans for personnel charged to LCFF

Major Action(s) Completed (cont.)

- Sites submitted final budget allocations which included expenditures for site based activities such as: instructional materials, professional development, support staff
- Created site LCFF allocations for 2015-16 based on unduplicated count of low income, Foster Youth, and English learners

Actions & Services: Decentralize Funding to Schools

Next Steps:

- LCFF allocations available for use by schools for the 2015-16 school year
- Unspent funds for 2014-15 carried over for school site use during 2015-16 school year

Actions & Services (Section 3A): Use Teacher Evaluation and Student Feedback Surveys to Improve Student Outcomes

 Goal:2.3: Improve instructional practice through professional development and professional learning communities at schools

 Related State and Local Priorities: Implementation of CCSS, academic content and performance standards

Major Action(s) Completed

- Created improved teacher evaluation process/tool via negotiations with United Teachers of Richmond (UTR) committee
- Started development of student feedback survey

Actions & Services: Use Teacher Evaluation and Student Feedback Surveys to Improve Student Outcomes

Next Steps:

- Review effectiveness of new teacher evaluation tool with UTR committee
- Continue to develop student feedback survey with UTR committee
- Establish system for annual review of tools

Actions & Services (Section 3A): Increase services for students; provide coordination to arts programs; training for teachers

Goal:4.2: Improve student engagement and climate outcomes

 Related State and Local Priorities: Pupil engagement; School climate; Other pupil outcomes

Major Action(s) Completed

- Created a Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)
 Committee to develop districtwide VAPA plan
- Hosted multiple meetings with VAPA Committee and developed the WCCUSD VAPA vision
- Hosted lead teacher meetings with secondary Art Teachers, including training on Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- Completed phases of expanding instrumental music at remaining elementary schools

Major Action(s) Completed (cont.)

- Hosted monthly meetings to coordinate and support district music festivals, plan and align curriculum for K-12 music programs
- Allocated funds for K-12 VAPA programs
- Created a district website for VAPA information
- Created the WCCUSD VAPA calendar of events

Actions & Services Increase services for students; provide coordination to arts programs; training for teachers Next Steps:

- Hire a VAPA coordinator
- Continue to meet with the VAPA committee to complete research, discussion, and planning for a comprehensive Pre-K-12 VAPA plan
- Survey students in VAPA-focused classrooms to gather feedback
- Complete the Pre-K-12 WCCUSD VAPA plan by Aug. 2015

Actions & Services (Section 3A): Fully implement, report on LCAP, implement two-way communication plan (including social media), share data publicly

- Goal 5.1: Improve practices that build trust through transparency, data sharing, and communication
- Related State and Local Priorities: WCCUSD Strategic Plan

Major Action(s) Completed

- Reported out LCAP information to community in multiple settings (LCAP Community Meetings, Board meetings, website)
- Held/publicized LCAP town hall meetings, including Youth Commission
- Organized WCCUSD's Facebook & Twitter accounts

Actions & Services Fully implement, report on LCAP, implement two-way communication plan (including social media), share data publicly

Next Steps:

- Create district communications plan
- Develop electronic newsletter as a mechanism for sharing data (Annual Report, news releases, LCAP Updates)

Actions & Services (Section 3A): Provide adaptive curriculum for special needs students, software for digital resources, teaching carts & technology curriculum

- Goal 6.2: Integrate technology in classrooms to improve student learning
- Related State and Local Priorities: WCCUSD Strategic Plan

Major Action(s) Completed

- Identified new teachers and provided them with teaching carts consisting of LCD projector, laptop, and document camera
- Purchased adaptive software to assist special need students
- Created Software Approval Form and process to identify district-approved digital software in order to create an online database

Actions & Services Provide adaptive curriculum for special needs students, software for digital resources, teaching carts & technology curriculum

Next Steps:

- Continue to identify new teachers and provide them with teaching carts consisting of LCD projector, laptop and document camera
- Purchase single-sign on software to assist special needs and younger students with easier access to software applications

Actions & Services Provide adaptive curriculum for special needs students, software for digital resources, teaching carts & technology curriculum

Next Steps (cont.):

- Continue to identify and purchase adaptive software
- Create an online database of district-approved software using approved process

Actions & Services (Section 3A): Operation of Maintenance, Custodial, and Grounds Department; Continue School Modernization Program Utilizing Bond Funding

- Goal: Increase % of facilities with overall rating of "Good" or "Exemplary" on Williams' Visit Report: 87%
- Related State and Local Priorities: Basic Services

Major Action(s) Completed

- New classroom building and community kitchen completed at Montalvin ES
- Pinole MS field
- Reconstruction of Greenwood/LPS, Coronado, Korematsu, DeAnza Linked Learning, Nystrom, Kennedy Swim Center, Pinole Valley HS in process
- Maintained full custodial staffing and completed several maintenance projects

Actions & Services: Operation of Maintenance, Custodial, and Grounds Department; Continue School Modernization Program Utilizing Bond Funding

Next Steps:

- Continue making progress on facility improvements
- Commence Master Planning process to establish priorities
- Develop Deferred Maintenance Plan despite loss of State funding

Actions & Services (Section 3B): Add Psychiatric Social Work Services at High Need Middle Schools

- Goal 1.2: Accelerate student learning increases for ELL, low income, foster youth, redesignated EL students
- Related State and Local Priorities: Pupil achievement; course access

Major Action(s) Completed:

- Agreement between WCCUSD and Contra Costa Health Services developed for additional funding to add two social workers at Helms and DeJean Middle Schools
- Contra Costa Health Services and WCCUSD developed job description and work plan & conducted collaborative interviews for the position
- Helms Middle School LCSW started in April 2015

Actions & Services: Add Psychiatric Social Work Services at High Need Middle Schools

Next Steps:

- The Director of Community Engagement will meet regularly with LCSW
- Complete recruitment and hiring process at DeJean Middle School to start Fall 2015
- LCSW to support Full Service Community
 Schools Coordination of Services at each site

Actions & Services (Section 3B): Develop and Provide Training on Foster Youth Data, Policy, etc

- Goal 1.2: Accelerate student learning increases for ELL, low income, foster youth, redesignated EL students
- Related State and Local Priorities: Pupil achievement; course access

Major Action(s) Completed

- Families in Transition (FIT) liaison provided:
 - policy and practice training at 15 school sites
 - training for School Community Outreach Workers (SCOWs)
 - policy and practice training for community partners

supported Foster Youth event in April 2015

Actions & Services: Develop and Provide Training on Foster Youth Data, Policy, etc Next Steps:

- FIT liaison and IT developing joint training opportunities for school personnel
- FIT liaison developing policy training for counseling staff
- Develop comprehensive case management data system for foster youth support
- Create plan to transition intake forms and referrals to electronic records

Actions & Services (Section 3A): Increase Involvement and Provide Access to Community-based Organizations and Businesses

- Goal 3.2: Increase community engagement and satisfaction
- Related State and Local Priorities: WCCUSD Strategic Plan

Major Action(s) Completed:

- Recruited and hired new position (Director of Community Engagement)
- Community Engagement Director meets regularly with community partners, funders & represents the District at community meetings
- Convened West County Full Service Community Schools Leadership Advisory Committee which meets monthly

Actions & Services: Increase Involvement and Provide Access to Community-based Organizations and Businesses Next Steps:

- Continue to convene West County FSCS Leadership Advisory Committee
- Implement new partnership agreement process and host community partner orientation meetings

Convene partners around program focus areas during 2015-16 school year Actions & Services (Section 3B): Increase Services to Schools for Parent Liaison/School Community Workers

- Goal 3.1: Increase parent engagement, involvement, and satisfaction
- Related State and Local Priorities: Parent Involvement

- Recruited and hired additional School Community Outreach Workers (SCOWs)
- Provided monthly trainings for SCOWs to support parent engagement, community program coordination and volunteerism
- Hosted 5 Saturday events districtwide to engage new parent volunteers—including completing volunteer agreement, fingerprinting and badge access
- > 2014–15 Volunteers: 2028

Actions & Services: Increase Services to Schools for Parent Liaison/School Community Workers Next Steps:

- Continue monthly professional development training for SCOWs, including quarterly meetings with Principals
- Identify training needs by using site-based needs assessments
- Provide additional leadership and capacity building trainings for SCOWs (Parent University and Efficacy Facilitation Training)

Actions & Services (Section 3B): Implement Parent University and Provide Adult School

- Goal 3.1: Increase parent engagement, involvement, and satisfaction
- Related State and Local Priorities: Parent Involvement

- Adopted California State PTA School Smarts curriculum as WCCUSD Parent University curriculum
- Trained 25 Adult Education Teachers and SCOWs to facilitate the curriculum
- Implemented Parent University Classes at 9 school sites (12 cohorts of parents with anticipated 290 parent university graduates)

Actions & Services: Implement Parent University and Provide Adult School

Next Steps:

- Train additional SCOWs, Adult Educators, and Parent University graduates to become facilitators for program
- Implement 10 additional Parent University Program sites in 2015–16 for a total of 20 sites implementing

Actions & Services (Section 3B): Parent Workshops, Focusing on Promoting a Mindset of Achievement with Our Children

- Goal 3.1: Increase parent engagement, involvement, and satisfaction
- Related State and Local Priorities: Parent Involvement

- Implemented 2-Day Efficacy Institute Training for 35 parents, school community outreach workers, and teachers
 - The 2-day experience focused on efficacy, growth mindset, and engaging parents as partners in education

Actions & Services: Parent Workshops, Focusing on Promoting a Mindset of Achievement with Our Children

Next Steps:

- 10 Participants to go through train-the-trainer facilitation and complete certification
- Provide 2 Day training for Administrators
- Provide student training for Youth Commission

Implement 3hour trainings at school sites

Actions & Services (Section 3B): Provide Playworks at Elementary Schools with Greater than 70% English Learner, Low Income and Foster Youth

- Goal 4.1: Allocate services to ELL, low income, foster youth, redesignated EL students
- Related State and Local Priorities: Pupil engagement; school climate

- Contracted with Playworks for services at elementary schools
- WCCUSD and Playworks are working towards creating a positive school climate to ensure that students are engaged in learning and ready to become the skilled workforce for the future
- Playworks has administered participant surveys from trainings conducted thus far

Actions & Services: Provide Playworks at Elementary Schools with Greater than 70% English Learner, Low Income and Foster Youth

Next Steps:

- Playworks will conduct a district wide evaluation of services towards the end of the school year and will provide the results
- Results of evaluation and training feedback will be used to enhance 2015-16 site services

Questions?