



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1e

Meeting Date: December 10, 2020

Subject: Approve 2020-21 School Plans for Student Achievement for Charter Schools

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Continuous Improvement and Accountability Office

Recommendation: Approve the 2020-21 School Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Charter Schools

Background/Rationale: Each school participating in state and federally funded programs, per the Consolidated Application (ConApp), is required to develop or update its SPSA on an annual basis. Historically, SCUSD charter schools draft a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) to fulfil this requirement. However, Senate Bill 98, approved by Governor Newsom on June 29, 2020 state that the 2020-21 LCAP no longer required. As a result, charter schools must complete a SPSA for the 2020-21 school year.

Financial Considerations: Site plans outline goals and actions that will be supported with state and federal funds, as allocated to each respective site, and evaluated for effectiveness.

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career and Life Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary
2. Copies of the SPSAs are available for review at: <https://www.scusd.edu/post/school-plan-student-achievement-spsa-2021>

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A</p> <p>Submitted by: Vincent Harris, Chief Continuous Improvement and Accountability Officer, Kelley Odipo, State and Federal Programs Director</p> <p>Approved by: Jorge Aguilar, Superintendent</p>

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I. Overview/History of Department or Program

The district requires that all schools write a School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), and requires that each plan show alignment to the goals of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The SPSAs are reviewed by the State and Federal Programs office to ensure compliance with Title I requirements and adherence to the tenets of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

II. Driving Governance:

The School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) is a plan of actions to raise the academic performance of all students. The plan also addresses funding and proposed expenditures related to state and federal categorical programs. California Education Code section 64001 requires the district to assure that the SPSA has been prepared in accordance with law; that school site councils have developed and approved the plan; and that the plan is developed with the review, certification and advice of applicable school advisory committees. Instructions from the LCAP template state that school-specific goals related to the state and local priorities of the SPSA should be aligned and incorporated with the district's LCAP.

Additionally, the SPSA development process has been revised to reflect the California Department of Education's (CDE) Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) findings. The FPM findings state that planning documents should reflect our efforts to: a) analyze and understand student achievement data and identify the academic needs of all student and individual student groups; b) support all staff in order to identify and implement effective instructional strategies to improve academic programs and to close the achievement gap for all students; c) develop learning communities that encourage the linkage of site action planning to budget decision making.

III. Budget:

Funds included in the SPSA include federal funds (Title I, School Improvement Grant, Comprehensive Support and Improvement funds), state funds (LCFF supplemental and concentration), and locally-distributed funds (such as Title I funds provided to Priority Schools).

Some schools receive Title I funds based on the percent of low-income students (50% or more). All schools receive LCFF supplemental and concentration funds, based on a weighted formula of the percent of low income and English learner students enrolled. The district has directed sites to distinguish the supplemental and concentration funds that are used for direct services to English learners and low income students by using the designation "LCFF EL" and "Low Income" in the SPSA.

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School sites are empowered with local decision-making authority to direct State and Federal funds to support the goals they have set for their students, although federal funds have some restrictions that are based on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

The Equity, Access, and Social Justice Guiding Principle states “all students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options.” This guiding principle demands that data be used to transparently assess students by name, by need, and by inequities and it serves as the moral call to action to build on the district’s foundation while striving for continuous improvement.

V. Major Initiatives:

In a process similar to the LCAP, the SPSA is intended to foster a cycle of continuous improvement, beginning with a defined cycle of data inquiry involving school site staff and the School Site Council (SSC). This cycle of inquiry became the foundation of the school’s comprehensive needs assessment. The Instructional Assistant Superintendents play an instrumental role in assisting site leaders in developing their understanding of the cycle of continuous improvement and data inquiry. To facilitate this work, the SPSA work team developed the SPSA Needs Assessment Cycle of Continuous Improvement Tool. This tool was designed to facilitate the completion of Goal 1.

VI. Results:

Staff recommends that the Board approve the 2020-21 School Plans for Student Achievement.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

- Upon adoption, the district may release funds for staff, programs and materials as designated in the SPSAs.
- The Board-adopted SPSAs will be translated as required into the languages that meet the threshold for translation at each site.
- School Site Councils will review the data related to the strategies and activities described in each SPSA.