

Superintendent’s Response to DELAC and LCAP Parent Advisory Committee’s Comments and Questions

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Superintendent

1. Will elementary students get more designated ELD services in 2024-2025?
Superintendent’s Response: The district is hard at work recruiting elementary teachers. In 2023-2024 we had to assign our elementary ELD Co-Coordinator to teach a third grade classroom due to unavailability of qualified teacher candidates to fill that position. In 2024-2025, the ELD Co-Coordinator will be free to support our English Learners again and will provide the designated ELD instruction to small groups of students and/or to individual learners.

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2. Can the district hire a teacher assistant for every classroom?
Superintendent’s Response: Unfortunately, the district cannot fund a teacher assistant for every classroom so we need to be strategic in how we allocate teacher assistants based on student needs. Our priorities are classroom(s) with many very young students and also students with special needs who are in particular need of support from an additional adult.

3. Can the district expand the current athletic offerings for students?
Superintendent’s Response: We heard the feedback from our parents and community. The district will expand athletic offerings to the greatest extent possible to ensure alignment with the schools’ schedules, availability of staff or vendors, and the funding. For instance, we are currently in the process of signing a contract with Playworks and will request that they incorporate soccer activities into their program, as requested by our parents and community. We recognize the importance of athletic opportunities for students which contribute to greater student engagement as well as better physical and mental health.

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4. Can the district provide more tutoring for smaller groups of students?
Superintendent’s Response: The district will continue offering tutoring to all the students in need of additional academic support. In addition, we will bring back Tutor.com for students who would like to take advantage of the on-line tutors available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

5. Can the teachers focus more on different cultures, especially the cultures of Spanish-speaking students?
Superintendent’s Response: The district will ensure that projects and activities exploring different cultures, especially from Spanish-speaking countries, are incorporated into the district programming.

6. Can the district provide more extra-curricular activities, especially more coding?
Superintendent’s Response: Similarly to the ELD co-coordinator, our science and coding teacher was assigned to a regular classroom in 2023-24 to fill the vacancy in the first grade classroom. In the upcoming school year, the district will employ them as a teacher on special assignment again. This will allow them to offer coding to our elementary students. At the same time, our technology coordinator will continue offering coding at the middle school level.