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Date: June 7, 2017

To: Members of the District Advisory Council (DAC) and the District English Learner Advisory Council (DELAC)

From: Dr. Roxane Fuentes, Interim Superintendent

Subject: Responses to DAC and DELAC's 6/1/17 Review of ERUSD's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Dear DAC and DELAC Parent Members,

I wish to extend my thanks, along with the appreciation of the ERUSD Board of Education, for the time and attention you have committed to the review of our District's first-ever Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

California's 2013-14 State Budget Act included landmark legislation that greatly improved the state's school finance system and provided school districts with the opportunity to create a comprehensive, locally designed plan by all key stakeholders to achieve greater student outcomes.

The following are my responses to the comments and suggestions you provided at our June 1, 2017 meeting:

1. Facilities Improvements

Response: Thank you for your positive feedback regarding school improvements the district is recommending. We look forward to several summer projects that will be planned this summer and upcoming school year, which include external painting of all our elementary and middle school sites, roofing, and playground surface replacement and repair at all elementary schools. In addition, we will be implementing a solar structure/shades and lighting upgrade plans for energy efficiency across all of our school sites (with the exclusion of El Rancho High School).

2. Common Core Instructional Materials

Response: The district has piloted Math textbook materials this past school year, and has adopted Go Math for K-5, which will be purchased for the 2017-18 school year. Also, this upcoming school year K-8 will pilot both English Language Arts (ELA) and English Learner instructional materials for adoption in 2018-19. The ELA materials will also be examined for their strength in supporting RTI Tier II needs for student intervention. Summer learning activities and resources will be posted on the website with TeleParent announcements, and sent home to students during summer school session.

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3. Parent Engagement - Communication

Response: The district believes strongly in the importance of building parent partnerships and assisting parents in their own learning to support their students. In doing so, the district will continue the School Smarts program at the elementary sites, and will continue PIQE at the middle and high school locations. In addition, workshops will be developed in targeted areas of interest, such as math, science, and PBL. We will also monitor our district and school level communications so as to increase frequency and ensure timeliness of informational updates.

4. Student Support Services

Response: The School Board and District understand the need for mental health support services for our students. As a result, we will be funding six mental health counselor positions to meet these needs. The District was also fortunate this month to receive two grants which will help expand mental health agency support with contracted services for additional counseling support for students. We also plan to offer the GREAT program (gang resistance education) to our fifth grade students next year as a preventative measure as they prepare for transition to middle school.

5. Visual and Performing Arts

Response: ERUSD understands the importance of meeting areas of interests for students at all school sites. The VAPA Curriculum Council met this year to explore arts integration options for students. *Art in Action* materials were purchased for grades K-2, and will be expanded to K-5 for the 2017-18 school year.

6. Food Services

Response: Thank you for your suggestion on how we can work together to address various food menu concerns. The Food Services division will move forward with a parent focus group/workshop to provide information on nutritional guidelines as well as an opportunity for parent input and conduct a student survey regarding our menu selection to improve offerings and services. In addition, the following activities have been planned for 2017-18:

- Introduction of Salad Bar option at El Rancho High School
- Involvement of local area chefs to create some recipes for elementary and middle schools
- Cafeteria tables gradually replaced at various school sites based on current condition

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As you know, the design and implementation of ERUSD's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) is an ongoing commitment to our students. Next fall, we will continue the yearlong process of evaluating implementation of our 2017 – 18 LCAP goals, as well as updating our LCAP plan for the 2018-19 school year. Your continued participation is a critical component of this work, and is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

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