

# Report on Increasing Student Voice

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# Purpose of Presentation

- ▶ Provide update on efforts to increase student voice at the secondary level:
  - ▶ Student Advisory Council (SAC) Purpose
  - ▶ SAC Work: 2021-2022 School Year
  - ▶ SAC at School Sites
  - ▶ Interhigh Council



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# Meeting Structures

- ▶ In-person, 1st Wednesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ▶ 3-6+ students from each secondary school site
- ▶ 1 adult advisor from each secondary school site
- ▶ Lunch is provided for participants



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# District Goal Alignment

- ▶ Strategic Goal 1: Increase academic achievement and ensure equitable access to enable all students to attain college and career readiness
- ▶ Strategic Goal 3: Provide a safe, welcoming, and respectful learning environment for every member of the school community while ensuring effective district wide communication for students, staff, families and community partners



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# Student Advisory Council - Purpose

- ▶ Provide input on District initiatives
- ▶ Give feedback on District priorities
- ▶ Improve communication and sharing of important and relevant information
- ▶ Increase student empowerment and stewardship of the work to ensure equitable access for all students across the District



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# Student Advisory Council - 2021-2022

- ▶ Provide input on bond measure priorities
- ▶ Increase site awareness of mental health and social emotional support services/resources
- ▶ Give feedback to the Board of Education regarding student engagement
- ▶ Provide input on the selection of student school furniture/desks



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# SAC - Feedback to the Board:

- ▶ ***Why are students disengaged from school and school activities?***
  - ▶ Inconsistent attendance
  - ▶ Homework for many students takes most of the afternoon and evening.
  - ▶ Students are focusing on what is happening at home
  - ▶ COVID has taught students that plans are uncertain so they don't commit
- ▶ ***What is causing students' lack of motivation to earn good grades?***
  - ▶ Workload is heavy
  - ▶ Grading systems



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# SAC at School Sites

- ▶ Increase opportunity for student voice in school site initiatives and priorities:
  - ▶ *School Senate, Principal focus groups*
- ▶ Respond to information from the Fall Mental Health Survey



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# Interhigh Council

- ▶ Student Representative to the Board
- ▶ Student Representative on the State Board
- ▶ Updated Board Policy
- ▶ Connecting student groups on campuses



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# Next Steps

- ▶ Increase number of students involved at the District level
- ▶ Increase student engagement at the sites
- ▶ Increase student voice in the planning of SAC meetings



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# Questions



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