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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Education

From: Randall Booker, Superintendent

Date: November 6, 2015

Subject: **Superintendent's Announcements**

LCAP Parent Engagement Night

On Monday, November 9, 2015, the Piedmont Unified School District will host a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Community Engagement Meeting at the Piedmont Middle School Multi-Purpose Room. Any parent and/or community member is welcome to attend.

The District is planning for next year's LCAP goals. The LCAP helps to identify specific student learning needs and desired student outcomes. The district's role is to provide the services that lead to the student outcomes being sought. Parent engagement is an important part of this goal setting. Parents are being asked:

1. Can you identify specific student learning needs and specific desired outcomes?
2. Are there data that support your opinion about these needs and outcomes?
3. How should the district measure student outcomes for these student learning needs?
4. To achieve the desired student outcomes, what action/service would you want the district to provide based on what method of measurement?

Facilities Master Planning - PUSD Site Tours – Secondary Campuses

In order to provide context to the many conversations regarding the adequacy of PUSD Secondary facilities to support current and future educational programs, the District will host public tours of various buildings at Piedmont High School, Millennium High School, and Piedmont Middle School. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

The PUSD Site Tours – Secondary Campuses:
(Meet at the Piedmont High School flagpole in front of campus)
Wednesday, November 18, 2015 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Site Planning Meetings

The District will also host public meetings at each school site to discuss the Educational Specifications and facility needs of each respective school. Educators, students, families, and community members are encouraged to participate. The site meetings are as follows:

Havens Elementary School:	November 12 th	3:30pm-5:00pm
Wildwood Elementary School:	November 19 th	3:30pm-5:00pm
Beach Elementary School:	November 30 th	3:30pm-5:00pm
Piedmont High/Millennium High:	December 1 st	3:30pm-5:00pm

City Changes Traffic Pattern

The City of Piedmont will make changes to the intersection of Highland and Magnolia Avenues to improve public safety and reduce traffic congestion. The changes will involve closing to all vehicular traffic the paved area between the traffic island in front of the Exedra and the Veterans' Hall which is currently used as a drop off point and turn around.

As currently configured, this intersection is hazardous to pedestrians and drivers, especially during the drop off and pick up times for Piedmont High School and Piedmont Middle School. Residents often turn into this area from both directions of Highland Avenue to drop students off for school, resulting in a traffic backup on both Highland and Magnolia Avenues. This makes pedestrian crossings dangerous at the Exedra and at the corner of Highland and Vista Avenues.

When the activity level is high, a long queue can develop causing backups onto both directions of Highland Avenue in front of the Veteran Hall. The congestion is multiplied when there are students using the various pedestrian crosswalks that lead to this area, and cars appropriately stop to allow the pedestrians to cross. The traffic created by the current use of this intersection also hampers the ability of police cars, which park on Highland Avenue adjacent to this area, to respond in a timely manner to emergencies and other calls for service.

Once the change is made, the closed area will be painted and signed to reflect the change in use. The City recognizes this change will require some parents and students to change their drop off routine, but in this case, the public safety benefits outweigh the inconvenience that residents will have to face.

The City Engineer is currently developing the plans for these changes and the work will be completed by mid-November.

For additional information, the electronic version of the City staff report containing the map is available at: <http://www.ci.piedmont.ca.us/html/govern/staffreports/2015-10-05/trafficstudy.pdf>

Education Speaker Series: The Gift of Failure with Jessica Lahey on Tuesday, November 17th @ 7:30 pm

Jessica Lahey is an educator, speaker, and writer who pens the bi-weekly column The Parent-Teacher Conference about the intersection of education and parenting for the The New York Times, and reports on education policy for The Atlantic and Vermont Public Radio. Lahey has been an English, Latin, and writing teacher in middle and high school for over a decade. Her book, The Gift of Failure, explores the principle that failure and disappointment are essential childhood and adolescent experiences. The

ability to acknowledge and learn from mistakes helps children develop competence, autonomy and a life-long willingness to take on challenges.

The program is on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Piedmont High School Alan Harvey Theater. Tickets are \$15 at the door. (Education Speaker Series members are free). For information about membership or advance tickets, please email educationspeakerseries@piedmont.k12.ca.us

A Great Good Place for Books will sell copies of Lahey's book starting at 7 p.m. A book-signing and reception hosted by the Wellness Center will take place after the presentation.

Important Websites for School Families

If you have ever struggled with the difference between the following websites, Campus Portal Log-on, Online Registration, Piedmont Portal, and Fast Pass Campus Charge, which are commonly used throughout the school year, please click on the link [here](#).

All of these websites and much more, can also be found by downloading the district app, ***Piedmont USD Switchboard***, onto your phone or tablet through the app store or Google play.

Piedmont High School Profile 2015 - 2016

The Piedmont High School Counseling Department and College and Career Center has recently updated the PHS School Profile. The profile is used by colleges across the country to help evaluate Piedmont High School's Academic and Co-Curricular Programs. Please click [here](#) to see our updated profile.