

# PROGRESS REPORT

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## Race and Educational Equity Update

June 26, 2018

### Professional Learning Development

- The Education Services department has invited District educational leaders to the Education Trust - West, Education Equity Forum 2018 taking place mid-September in Sacramento. This opportunity gives many school and district leadership teams as well as higher education administrators and practitioners an opportunity to converse, connect, and collaborate to learn new and best practices for supporting students, strengthening our schools and colleges, and closing opportunity and achievement gaps.
- The 8th Crossing Lines seminar, thanks to funding from TOLI (The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights), took place last week and focused on creating safe spaces for exploring and teaching tough topics in today's classrooms. Hosted by the Tech Services department, the week-long seminar provided educators (grades 5-12) with opportunities to explore how events of the past connect to and impact current events. Guest speakers and participants delved into and explored the common threads connecting the exclusion and forced removal of any group of people where sensitive topics, such as bullying, exclusion, and state-sanctioned forced removal and genocide.

### Curriculum and Instruction

- A number of representatives and members of Ethnic Students Now-Elk Grove (ESN-EG) have met twice with District staff in Education Services to discuss common interests and develop a process to collaborate and work together in creating an Ethnic Studies course for Elk Grove Unified. The process for adding new courses and curriculum was shared along with a timeline for adoption of an Ethnic Studies course. In addition, ESN-EG extended an invitation to District staff to participate in summer professional learning opportunities at Sacramento State University on the topic of Ethnic Studies. This summer, a Program Specialist for History/Social Science and one teacher will be attending and the District intends to send a cadre of teachers next summer as well as the following. Another meeting is scheduled in July and the team of representatives from ESN-EG and the District will continue to meet regularly to discuss progress, hear about resources that each can provide and they plan to continue collaboration regarding the design and implementation of an Ethnic Studies course for EGUSD.

### School and Community Relationships

- The newly drafted policy on roles and responsibilities of school and/or district administrators and that of law enforcement related to student discipline has been shared with several community stakeholders for comment. The drafted policy will be available for review and comment through Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

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## Student-Centered Supports

- The task force comprising school principals and Tech Services is moving forward with plans for the implementation of a district wide Anonymous Incident Response System to be operational at all school locations by the early part of the 2018/19 school year pending Board approval. The team worked to address concerns posed by the Board and reports that the System can accommodate different languages, IP address tracking can be turned off, different reporting categories will be developed to notify different groups of individuals based on the category selected, and the System has customization options. Once presented and approved by the Board, Tech Services will work with multiple District departments and site administrators to finalize response categories, response teams at each school site, and define roles and responsibilities of the System.

## Opportunity and Access

- During the summer months, opportunities for students continue to be supported and promoted:
  - **Summer Civic Program:** 28 high school juniors and seniors participating in a 2-week government learning program and 3-week public agency internship.
  - **Mobile Technology Camp:** Designed for students with little or no programming/circuits experience. These daily workshops are especially great for students who enjoy consuming technology (apps, video games, robots, etc.) but have not yet had a focused opportunity to build technology on their own.
  - **Young Assemblymembers Program:** A four-week long program which is open to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students entering the 2018-2019 school year. The program has been created to provide students that reside in California's 9th Assembly District with an opportunity to develop skills in leadership, team building and problem solving, and to understand the importance of civic participation and the legislative process.
  - **2018 OCA Sacramento Speak & Lead Program:** A 5-week public speaking and speech organization class. This program aims to strengthen the oral communication skills of young Asian Pacific Islander American students with the goal of building each students' leadership and advocacy potential.
  - **Greater Sacramento Region's CyberPatriot Program:** The Information & Communication Technologies/Digital Media Sector Team will be offering eight AFA Standard CyberCamps and two AFA Advanced CyberCamps for high school students (and middle school students with instructor recommendation\*) at no cost to students at four regional community colleges in June 2018.
  - **The Elk Grove-Florin Amateur Radio Club:** Invitation to teachers, students, parents, administrators, and others to look at how amateur radio serves the community.
  - **Elk Grove Multicultural Festival:** The City of Elk Grove and the Multicultural Committee invite students to attend and take part on August 25, 2018, for the 7th

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annual Multicultural Festival to learn about other cultures through music, art, food, entertainment and much more.

- **Yolo County Conference on Young Latino Males:** A conference with nationally known U.C. Santa Barbara professor and Ted Talk speaker Dr. Victor Rios. The event will be held September 7, 2018 at the Yolo County Office of Education.
- **The 6th Annual Feria de Educación:** Designed to empower Spanish-speaking parents and students with information and resources to help them succeed in California's educational system, Feria de Educación will be held once again in the Sacramento State University Union Ballroom on October 13, 2018.

## Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention

- Several administrative and leadership positions are being filled and interviews with the best and brightest candidates who reflect and identify with the diversity of the District are being interviewed. The District is also developing teachers willing, able and eligible by providing assistance to receive Bilingual Certification.