



2022 LCAP Responses to Questions by BUSD Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)

- Is the potential \$13million in additional one-time funding only for [the 22-23] year?
 - Yes, it is only confirmed for this year.
- Does it have to be spent in the year?
 - The district is looking into that but one-time funds should not be used for salaried positions or on-going services. Sometimes the funds can be used for bonuses in contract negotiations.
- At the Community College level, there will be changes in regards to Title 5 services. Will the changes in Ed. Code also changes at the K-12 level?
 - The district needs to look into that more closely.
- What is BUSD doing to address the needs of students of color, teachers need to be able to support the students in the classroom, rather than bringing in classified support for additional programs.
 - BUSD has many academic and social-emotional supports in place to address the needs of students of color and a long history of uplifting the many voices of our beautiful, diverse community. We believe that the richness and diversity of our schools are our greatest asset, and that each family's unique cultural and linguistic identity makes our classrooms more vibrant and compelling.
- Are professional development sessions optional? Currently, I believe the teachers who need it the most are not attending.
 - The district offers a "menu" of professional development options. Berkeley High School has made their anti-racism initiative mandated.
- Can the district plan specific topics for professional development since data shows that there may be an issue with the school environment.
 - Thank you for that suggestion. The district will consider that as we plan for the new school year. Know that there are a limited number of professional development days available throughout the year.
- What can we do to increase input from parents?
 - The district hosts multiple community engagement meetings throughout the year on multiple topics to provide information and to listen to our families. BUSD conducts multiple surveys to gather feedback. Also, parents are always welcome to share feedback with teachers, principals, and other staff to improve programs and outcomes for our students.

- Does coaching include learning circles?
 - They are separate as the cost and funding sources can be very different.
- Can we expand them? We have a new principal and they need coaching.
 - The district has tried to target the newer administrators but yes, it could be updated.
- There's a lot of money in the supplemental funds being lowered due to enrollment. What is going to happen to programs that are funded by supplemental funds?
 - The district is trying to support them with other state and federal funds.
- What does the change in class size line item entail?
 - Class sizes are being readjusted at all sites. No teachers are being reduced.
- Because of the pandemic in the TWI program, we have newcomers mid-year. 2 grades will have a 26:1 ratio, concerned with creating a program with too many kids per class. Will TWI reductions be reversed to ensure there is more attention per student?
 - It is too early to make a decision
- Where is Camp EDMO? Camp EDMO helped a lot for English Learner students who were behind. There doesn't seem to be a comparable program for this year.
 - There is a reduction from last summer school. Summer school was funded through one-time funds. We are still serving as many as possible.
- Could teachers have the ability to refer [EL] students to summer school if they are behind so they can catch up to their level?
 - School sites (principals) are provided the ability to recommend students for summer school. Those recommendations do take priority.
- Are there going to be reductions to the EL program this year?
 - These are not reductions to EL Services, these are general fund reductions. We are not making any reductions to the services to English Learners. The recommended reductions do not impact services offered to EL students.
- Is the Virtual Academy going to continue?
 - The virtual academy is being reduced. Many parents, teachers and community members are vocal about the benefit of the academy. The Virtual Academy was developed in COVID as a distance learning option, and we still retain an independent study for K-8.
- Can we ask our fellow parents, even if they are not parents of English Learners, for their input on the budget cut recommendations?
 - Yes
- Can a program like Super Science Saturdays be continued?
 - This was a program for elementary schools that took place on weekends, previously funded by LCAP. It was originally started through grants.