

Date: March 28, 2023
To: Planning and Oversight Committee
From: Kathy Fleming, Director of Local Resources and Partnerships
Dr. Mathew Espinosa-Castro, Director of Equity, Achievement and Belonging
Re: 2022-23 Family Engagement Close Out Plan for 1st reading

The following plan for Family Engagement is being brought to the Planning and Oversight Committee for 1st reading and again for approval on 4/11/23.

In 2022-23, OFEE transitioned to the Department of Equity, Achievement, and Belonging (EAB) which is led by Director Mathew Espinosa-Castro. The development of the EAB Department unites OFEE with other equity programs such as ethnic studies, significant disproportionality in special education identification, targeted programs for students of color (e.g., African American Success, Puente), and student intervention supports.

The EAB Department supports school sites in implementing culturally-responsive family engagement and instructional practices, Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI2) services, and the Vision Scholars program associated with the Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) plan. Family engagement is a critical component of all EAB programs and central to achieving the vision of developing a community that is equity literate, culturally responsive, and welcoming so that everyone in the community feels a sense of belonging and achieves to their highest potential.

The remainder of Measure E1 Family Engagement funds are needed to support EAB's one time costs for supporting family centers at BHS and at the District Office. Funds remaining from BSEP Measure E1 resource 0757 are available for expenditure. Following are the recommendations for expenditures of Measure E1 funds for the authorized purpose of Parent Outreach. The amount of \$47,676 is proposed to be budgeted.

The proposal below proposes to use Measure E1 funds to support the activity of "Family Resource Center Modernization" for the district office Family Resource Center (Office of Family Engagement, Room 118) and Berkeley High School. Both Family Resource Centers have not been renovated in the past ten years. The Family Resource Center at the district office seeks to support a significantly expanded staff for the Equity, Achievement, and Belonging Department that includes a team of 12 Family Engagement and Equity Specialists. The renovations will provide additional work stations for the expanded staffing, meeting tables and seating for families receiving support from district staff. The Family Resource Center at the Berkeley High School has seen a surge in visitors from students, staff and families post-pandemic as it serves the 3,000+ student population. The furniture in the resource room cannot accommodate the staffing and support needs.

Program Activities:

Supplies and Equipment

\$37,676

Funds to support modernization of Family Resource Centers (District Office and Berkeley High School) including furniture, equipment, and supplies to support staff to provide capacity-building services to BUSD families and students.

Contracts and Services

\$10,000

Costs for installation of renovations for Family Resource Centers (District Office and Berkeley High School).