

Core Beliefs and Board Goals 2017-2018

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1. **WE BELIEVE THAT OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS AND RESOURCES**
2. **WE OPERATE WITH TRANSPARENCY, TRUST AND INTEGRITY, GOVERNING IN A DIGNIFIED, PROFESSIONAL MANNER, TREATING EVERYONE WITH CIVILITY AND RESPECT**
3. **WE ARE ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE, DISTINGUISHED AND ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT ENSURES ALL STUDENTS LEARN TO THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL**
 - ❧ A. Build the capacity of board and district staff in developing and monitoring data related to goals and priorities specifically in the area of cultural responsiveness and educational equity
 - ❧ B. A key concern and priority for this governing board is improving the accuracy and consistency of grading which should measure what students know, as they play a crucial role in every aspect of students' academic lives and future lives as global citizens. Areas of concern are: 1) Grades reflect progressive and mastery of content. 2) They are predictable and understood by parents and third parties. 3) That non-academic factors are graded separately. 4) The system adopted is not overwhelming for teachers.

❖ Annual Report by Educational Services
4. **WE ARE ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO MEET THE HOUSING AND EDUCATION NEEDS OF OUR CHANGING STUDENT POPULATION AND A VISION THAT PROMOTES AND SUPPORTS THEIR FUTURE**
 - ❧ A. Continue the Cottonwood Elementary School modernization
 - ❧ B. Receive annual updates to the District's Facilities Master Plan while exploring and securing options to finance the plan.
 - ❧ C. Continue to implement sustainable clean energy programs that promote the long-term well-being of both the District's finances and the environment.

❖ Annual Report by Business Services
5. **WE ARE FISCALLY TRUSTWORTHY AND DEDICATED TO RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY**
6. **WE BELIEVE IN AND PROMOTE PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2017-2018 Board Expectations

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1. **WE BELIEVE THAT OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS AND RESOURCES**

EXPECTATIONS:

- a. Provide staff development to enable employees in a job classifications to maintain and improve their skills to meet stated goals of the Board to meet the needs of students. Continuously monitor and re-evaluate formula-driven staffing levels that adequately address student ratios and campus needs for all classifications of employees (classified, certificated, confidential, and administration)
- b. Maintain and monitor administrative training programs to enable existing staff to become administrators or to increase the skills of current administrators to assume increasing levels of responsibility in the future as well as immediately assisting with the reduction of attendance issues, traffic safety and student discipline at all school sites. Create programs that enable classified employees who want to become teachers to obtain the necessary information to do so, and work with the CSEA Board to make sure members know about contractual benefits available when taking college classes. As grants become available to help classified employees become teachers, apply for any for which the District is eligible.
- c. Provide ongoing recognition for school achievement, program development, i.e., California Gold Ribbon, Golden Bell, Employee of the Year, and Program Innovation: Joe Walker STEALTH, Gregg Anderson Academy, The IDEA Academy at Cottonwood, Westside Academy and Hillview 6th Grade Academy
- d. Continue a long-term plan to provide total compensation for all positions within the district that is competitive with the surrounding Antelope Valley elementary school districts
- e. Provide ongoing training to ensure a safe work place for all employees
- f. As funds are available revenues will be placed in a separate account to pay for long term post-employment benefits
 - a. a, d & e - Annual Report by Human Resources
 - b. b & c -- Annual Report from Superintendent
 - c. f - Annual Report by Business Services

2. **WE OPERATE WITH TRANSPARENCY, TRUST AND INTEGRITY, GOVERNING IN A DIGNIFIED, PROFESSIONAL MANNER, TREATING EVERYONE WITH CIVILITY AND RESPECT**

EXPECTATIONS

- a. Continue to improve the knowledge level of trustees through ongoing training, participation in political actions that influence improved funding and legislation for educational programs, and programs of independent study. All Board Members will attend the CSBA Annual Education Conference, with a report of sessions attended at a future Board Meeting, and receive a Masters in Governance certification
- b. The board will initiate the annual process for self-evaluation in June
- c. Annually set objectives to meet the goals of the district in June
- d. Continue to improve working relationship with employee unions to enable communications that enhance the overall well-being of the district including all employees
- e. A public-friendly version of the three major budget reports of the year shall be posted on the website

3. WE ARE ABSOLUTELY COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE, DISTINGUISHED AND ENGAGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT ENSURES ALL STUDENTS LEARN TO THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

EXPECTATIONS:

- a. Staff will monitor comprehensive plans for improving student achievement including the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the Comprehensive Safety Plans including the sections related to student discipline.
- b. All students will receive rigorous and effective instruction, support and intervention that afford equitable access to a high quality educational experience in an environment that nurtures critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity and social responsibility.
- c. Teachers will use research-based best practices to design and deliver instruction, which addresses the knowledge, concepts and skills outlined in the State Standards. Teachers will design lessons that actively engage the minds of all learners with that which is to be learned. Learning objectives that describe what students will be able to do successfully and independently at the end of each lesson will be clearly articulated. Formative assessment will be used to guide and inform instruction. Summative assessment will be used to measure student learning.
- d. Professional Development will be aligned to improve student outcomes. Data will be collected to substantiate growth in student achievement.

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EXPECTATION

- a. Monitor and maintain high-quality information technology systems throughout the District

5. WE ARE FISCALLY TRUSTWORTHY AND DEDICATED TO RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

EXPECTATIONS:

- a. Continue to decrease encroachment of general funds by Special Education
- b. Continue to update and implement the adopted Technology Plan
- c. Continue to increase operational efficiency
- d. Citizens Oversight Committee will hold required meetings
- e. Set budget priorities based on the goals of the District
- f. Support and retain partnerships that have a mutual priority to maximize the available dollars for improving programs for students
- g. Maintain student Average Daily Attendance to exceed 96% percent.
- h. Senior Staff to hold twice-yearly fiscal status updates at employee work locations in order to educate and inform our stakeholders
- i. Maintain a financially responsible, positive District budget for the current year and two out years in order to preserve Westside's financial solvency, educational programs and the continued payment of employee salaries.

☞ g - Annual ADA Report by Business Services

☞ a, b, c, d, e, f, h & i - Budget Presentations by Business Services

6. WE BELIEVE IN AND PROMOTE PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPECTATIONS:

- a. Continue to monitor and implement plans to increase communication and participation with parents regarding their children's education including the use of PowerSchool/PowerTeacher by all teachers.
- b. Implement plans to improve parent communication and participation with parents of all students.
- c. Explore ongoing efforts to increase communication with the community, utilizing methods that are cost effective.
- d. Strengthen partnerships with businesses, community organizations, and public agencies.
- e. Annually share the Board's goals and accomplishments with the stakeholders. Each school year will begin with a State of the District presentation by Superintendent and staff where maximum efforts are made to assure that the meeting is well-attended by the public.
- f. Create, administer and compile surveys for constituents that will generate data to measure district effectiveness to drive district decisions.
- g. Continue to explore means of obtaining input from stakeholders.
- h. Each Trustee will regularly attend community and school site events
- i. The Board will play an active role in promoting our district's image in the community and positive working relationships with all stakeholders.
- j. Keep public postings and communications current. Staff will monitor weekly. Partner with parents and community to develop and implement school programs.

☛ e - Posted on District Website