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To: RUSD DELAC Committee and Amy Bohren, EL Coordinator
From: Cheryl Olson, Superintendent
Date: May 12, 2021
RE: Response to DELAC input regarding the RUSD Local Control
Accountability
Plan (LCAP)

On behalf of the Rescue Union School District and Board of Trustees, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your participation in our DELAC during the 2020-2021 school year. I am also extremely grateful for your input in the development of our LCAP. Your participation, feedback and valuable input is critical in helping us best meet English language learners' needs, remove barriers to closing any achievement gap, and provide student and family supports necessary for optimum achievement and social/emotional well-being.

Feedback from the DELAC centered around the following requests and recommendations:

- Parents indicated that they would greatly appreciate additional homework help before or after school for the students. This time could also be used to re-teach foundational skills in different ways so students master the concepts. In addition, there is a need for tutoring to be made available for EL students before and after school.
- Parents also indicated a need for teachers to individualize more for EL students, especially in the area of vocabulary development.
- Parents also requested an ELD support class that uses the regular class materials and not additional materials so that the two complement one another.
- Additional communication between teachers and parents is needed.
- Lastly, families look forward to events that bring the community together, such as the International Festival and parent dinners.

Superintendent Response to District English Learner Advisory Committee Requests:

In order to provide additional supports for English learners in English Language Arts and math, an English Language Development (ELD) teacher will be hired to work with English learners at both Pleasant Grove Middle School and Green Valley Elementary. This English language teacher will be a highly qualified professional that will work daily with students on designated ELD and core curriculum support. To respond to the request of the DELAC committee that more communication

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between teachers and parents takes place, it is the district's intention to hire a bilingual ELD teacher.

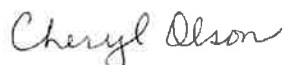
Along with the support of a new ELD teacher at two of our district sites, three hours per week of before and after school curriculum support, vocabulary development and designated ELD will be provided by highly qualified RUSD teachers at Lakeview Elementary, Rescue Elementary, and Lake Forest Elementary to service small groups of English learners at these sites.

At Jackson and Marina Village, the Director of Special Programs will provide consultative support to teachers who have English learners in their classrooms; ELPAC results and any other pertinent language development data or information will be provided to teachers at the start of each academic school year.

As soon as the rules and restrictions regarding large gatherings are lifted, due to COVID-19, RUSD will plan the International Festival and parent dinners, and other such events for the purpose of bringing the community together for fellowship and enjoyment.

It has been an honor to serve you. I believe the Rescue Union School District is a very special place for our students, families, and staff. The Public Hearing of the LCAP will be held at the Board Meeting on June 8, with final approval of the plan to be at the Board Meeting on June 22. It is my sincere desire that each of you will continue helping us build upon our efforts to ensure the needs of our students and families are being met to the best of our ability. We thank you again for your support. We know it has been an incredibly challenging year. We know that the success we had is entirely due to the fact that we all worked together to make it happen for the benefit of our students. It took you, our parents, partnering with us as never before, to navigate this year successfully, along with our teachers and support staff. We know we want it to be even that much better next year, so we thank you for your input. We take your feedback seriously, and we look to implement your requests through our action plan within the 2021-2022 LCAP.

Respectfully,



Cheryl Olson, Superintendent