



## STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES

### GATEWAY LISTENING SESSION

**DATE:** November 16, 2021

#### MEETING SYNOPSIS

At the Gateway Listening Session, community members reviewed the District's current mission, vision, profile of a student, and strategic goals. Then, the facilitator set ground rules for the session, defined a "Strategic Plan," explained the process for the district, and asked the attendees for their input.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES

Participants shared:

**What have you loved about your child's experience in the district? What makes you proud to have your child in this district?**

- The teachers inspire our children; they are enthusiastic, supportive, engaging, and approachable
- The school is "all about the children" and loves each child as their own; students are always happy going to school
- CEO is always there for the parents
- Principal embodies transformational leadership and goes above and beyond (doorstep visits for example)
- The school doesn't only focus on academic achievement, but also social emotional; children have self-esteem
- School psychologist is kind, caring, and passionate
- Preschool is excellent for academics and social-emotional growth
- "We considered moving to another city, but our children begged us to stay at the school."
- "We transferred from another school district because we were impressed by the mission and that the school loves children as their own. This has been evident in how our children have been treated and their grades have skyrocketed."

**Looking three years into the future, what could we change to better support everyone's children in the district?**

- More resources and more accessibility to support for children with dyslexia and other specialized needs
- More help with reading
- Focus on anti-bullying and being respectful of all students heritages, beliefs, and clothing; teachers are a role model; respect starts in the home, so include parents
- Resources for students choices and teaching empathy

**From your perspective, what should be the district's number one focus for the next three years?**

- Quality education
- Hire more qualified personnel to work with children with special needs.
- Respect and that children feel safe and comfortable.
- Social emotional development support for the children especially if the pandemic is still here
- More help for teachers in the classroom and smaller class sizes.

#### NEXT STEPS

One Listening Session will be held at each school site, either in-person or virtually, where attendees will be asked to share:

- What have you loved about your child's experience in the district? What makes you proud to have your child in this district?
- Looking three years into the future, what could we change to better support everyone's children in the district?
- From your perspective, what should be the district's number one focus for the next three years?

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Listening Sessions:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11/24 Excelencia, 9 - 10 am</li><li>• 12/1 The Creighton Academy, 5 - 6 pm</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12/9 Kenndey at Loma Linda, 8:15 - 9:15 am</li><li>• 12/10 Papago, 8:30 - 9:30 am</li><li>• 12/16 W.T. Machan, 5 - 6 pm</li></ul> |
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