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Dear Parents/Guardian:

In the Spring of 2018, Murrieta Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) issued a survey to all education stakeholders including parents and students. The survey was a part of the Local Control and Accountability Plan. Overwhelmingly, parents/guardians responded, and the responses have provided us with great insight.

In this letter are the top four themes that emerged from the parent/guardian feedback.

Thank you for responding to the survey and thank you for your honesty. We are using the feedback to strengthen our policies; fine tune procedures and improve how we deliver service to you and your student(s). Please stay tuned as we work towards incorporating your feedback into our day-to-day operations.

Top four themes from parent surveys:



Safety

The safety of our students, staff and school sites is a top priority. We partner with city law enforcement in several ways. Collaboratively, we fund School Resource Officers at the schools, implement prevention services, programming, and partake in joint trainings and meetings. Additionally, our local first responders help to improve our incident response and emergency protocols. For more information about the district's safety practices, see: www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/safety



Communication

District-wide, our goal is to respond to communications within in a timely manner, Monday-Friday. During this school year, we will be working on updating all school websites in a user-friendly manner and ensuring consistency among all levels (elementary and secondary). We will also be adding "How-To's" and parent tutorials on accessing grades, Haiku, and making appointments with counselors and administration.



Advanced Learning Opportunities

The district values the individual needs of each student. As such, we are committed to providing options for enrichment and academic advancement for all students. Currently, there are several opportunities for enrichment and advancement at all grade levels. We continue to develop new classes, pathways and programs to meet the needs of learners, through specialty courses such as: Visual and Performing Arts, Career Technical Education, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Dual Enrollment, and AVID. For more information contact your student(s) school site.



Connections

School connectedness is critical for student success, it enhances school climate and increases a student's confidence. At MVUSD high schools, 89% of students are involved in some type of activity that connects them to school. At the middle school level, 72% of students are involved and connected. As such, we are striving to increase these numbers by providing extra supports for all students. Furthermore, the district is focusing on the emotional well-being of students and providing equitable practices across the district. For more information, contact your students' school site administration.

California Dashboard



The California School Dashboard is an online tool designed to help our stakeholders access information about our schools. The Dashboard includes information on six state measures including: high school graduation rate, academic performance, suspension rate, English Learner progress, college/career readiness and chronic absenteeism. The icon used to indicate performance levels is the icon to the left and colors range from blue (highest performance) to red (lowest performance). The color will change based on this year's performance and change (positive or negative) from the previous year. For more information on the dashboard, visit the California Department of Education website at: <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/>

Once again, thank you for sharing with us your thoughts and priorities for your student(s) education. We value your partnership and are committed to ensuring the best education in the region. To stay current on news and information, please visit our website, friend us on Facebook and update your parent/guardian contact information to receive district-wide and school communications.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Walters".

Mary Walters
Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services