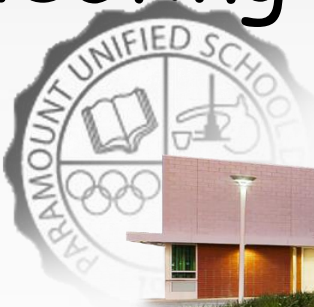




PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN PARAMOUNT SCHOOLS

Selecting a New Assessment Platform



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Presentation Purpose

- Describe the purpose of an assessment platform.
- Outline the process used to make a recommendation for a new platform.
- Explain next steps.



What is an Assessment Platform?

An assessment platform is a web-based platform that:

- Is used to create assessments that measure academic progress.
- Provides access to reports that show how students, schools and the district are making growth toward standards.



Why Change?

- For the past 15 years PUSD has used OARS as an assessment platform. OARS was recently purchased by another company, Illuminate. OARS will not be available.
- To prepare for this change, an Assessment Platform Committee was formed to review and select the best new platform for PUSD.



Process

A two phase process was used.

Phase 1

A group of frequent users reviewed six available platforms, narrowing to the most viable options based on selection criteria. Platforms reviewed:

- ✓ SchoolCity
- ✓ Educator's Assessment Data Management System (EADMS)
- ✓ Illuminate
- ✓ Performance Matters
- ✓ Synergy (assessment component)
- ✓ Schoology (assessment component)

Phase 2

An expanded group of stakeholders reviewed the two most viable platforms:

- ✓ SchoolCity
- ✓ Illuminate



Criteria Used to Review Platforms

The following criteria were to review all platforms:

- Ability to provide useful reports: benchmark, item analysis reports
- Ability to create new tests with test item bank
- Ability to integrate multiple sources, i.e., Synergy
- Ability to collect data from other sources, i.e., SAT, AP scores
- Overall ease of use and satisfaction level



Committee Participation

A committee of 33 people participated in the second phase of the review of assessment platforms.

The committee was composed of teachers, academic coaches, curriculum specialists, administrators representing elementary, middle and high school.



Meeting Topics

Meeting Date	Focus for Meeting
December 5, 2016	Goals for Committee, Review PUSD Needs, Sample use of Criteria
January 9, 2017	Review, rate, discuss SchoolCity
January 23, 2017	Review, rate, discuss Illuminate
February 6, 2017	Discuss advantages, strengths of each program; reach consensus



Recommendation

After the analysis and comparison of available platforms, the committee recommends Illuminate. The strengths of this platform include:

- Can be integrated with multiple data sources.
- Includes a College and Career Readiness Dashboard.
- Easy for students to use with on line assessments.
- Provides key questions that help users know how to use each report.



Why Illuminate?

Illuminate is a complete assessment platform that has the capacity for additional modules to be added, including test item banks and report cards.

Illuminate has existed for nine years and offers many more features than OARS.

25 districts in LA County currently use Illuminate. Nearby districts include ABC, Downey, Inglewood. Large districts in California include San Diego, Sacramento, Fresno and San Francisco USDs.



Next Steps

Event	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Outline process for review and recommendation.	February, 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Get input from neighboring districts who currently use Illuminate on effective implementation.	February, 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recommend platform for purchase.	March, 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop a detailed implementation plan that addresses data transfer, training key district users, training all users.	Spring, 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Offer hands on training sessions for key district, school users.	Summer, 2017



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Questions