



# PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Community Schools Initiative

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# Purpose of the Presentation

Update the Board of Education on the Community Schools Initiative to include:

- Background
- Program Description
- Staffing
- Progress to Date
- Next Steps



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# Background

On January 15, 2019 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved Motion 22-B to provide the following:

- \$10 million dollars, to enhance mental health and student well-being throughout Los Angeles County.
- Develop a plan with Department of Mental Health and Los Angeles County Office of Education that provides mental health services including but not limited to, prevention and early intervention services, education, support and outreach.
- Select ten Los Angeles County School Districts to participate in the initial phase of this initiative.



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# Program Description

Paramount Unified School District was selected to participate in this initiative that increases collaboration between school districts and community agencies, and allocates resources to provide an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement.



## Program Description (Continued)

Using local schools as “hubs,” community schools offer a range of supports and services to achieve the following results:

- Students attending school consistently;
- Students actively involved in learning and participating in their communities;
- Families increasingly involved with their children’s education;
- Students succeeding academically;
- Healthy students – physically, socially, and emotionally



## Program Description (Continued)

This initiative will co-locate several county resources at District sites. Resources from a variety of agencies will be made available locally through this program, including those from:

- Child Support Services
- Children and Family Services
- Health Services
- Mental Health
- Parks and Recreation
- Probation
- Public Health
- Public Social Services



# Community Schools Staffing

The county provides staffing for the program. Each Community School will receive a Community School Coordinators and Parent Liaisons.

These school-based positions will serve as a liaison with multiple Los Angeles County offices and agencies and assist the school community in:

- Understanding the community school framework;
- Navigating the process of developing community schools;
- Identifying resources;
- Fostering partnerships with county agencies and community-based organizations



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# Progress to Date

- Paramount High School has been identified as the hub for services
- A physical location for the Hub Resource Room has been identified by school and district staff
- LACOE has hired a Community School Coordinator and Parent Liaison with our input





# What's Next?

- Prepare and submit a Memorandum of Understanding with LACOE for Board approval at the September meeting
- Complete the renovation of the Hub Resource Room to accommodate the program and staff
- Meet with the Community Schools staff to discuss District protocols and expectations
- Identify specific services that will be offered initially
- Plan for hours of operation, services and support available, and referral process for students and families
- Create District-wide communication plan to inform students, parents, and staff



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# Questions?