



FEBRUARY 11, 2020

# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **New Executive Director Accountability & Assessments**

The Board approved the hiring of Dr. Moises Merlos as the new Executive Director, Accountability & Assessments. Dr. Merlos has over 20 years of experience in public education where he has served in the roles of classroom teacher, academic and athletic coach, assistant principal and principal. Dr. Merlos comes to WSD from Fontana Unified School District where he has worked since 2006. Dr. Merlos holds a Doctorate degree from the University of Southern California in Educational Leadership, two master's degrees in Educational Administration and Curriculum and Instruction, and a Bachelor's degree in Biology from California State University, San Bernardino.

### **District Goals and LCAP Update Presentation**

The District's strategic goals were presented to the Board. The goals and actions covered four areas: Student Achievement; Personal and Professional; Fiscal Stewardship; and, Learning Environment. The Board also received the updates on the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for 2021. In the month of March, the District will engage all WSD stakeholder groups for their input.

### **COVID-19 Update and School Reopening**

The Board received the latest health information on COVID-19 and approved to open elementary and middle schools within one week of reaching an 8% positivity test rate as a weighted average of the four zip codes in the district.

### **2019-2020 Annual Audit**

The 2019-2020 audit has been completed. During this annual process, the District's financial condition and internal controls were examined by an external auditor. The audit also validated the district processes and reporting during the year. The external auditing firm issued an unmodified opinion, which is the highest rating for an independent audit.

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