



# Student Advisory Board Newsletter

## Folsom Cordova Unified School District

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"All of us are born for a reason, but all of us don't discover why. Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others."

- Danny Thomas

Thomas was an Emmy-Award-winning actor of Lebanese-Syrian origin who founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, dedicating his entire life to aiding children worldwide afflicted with cancer.

Happy National Arab American Heritage Month! FCUSD is dedicating the month of April to the recognition and commemoration of the history, culture, and achievements of Arab Americans.

## Dates to Remember

**April 12 - Next SAB Meeting @ Cordova Lane Center**

**April 18 - Performance Rehearsals @ Cordova Lane Center from 4-6 PM**

**April 26 - International Night @ Cordova High School from 6-8 PM**

## What's been happening at SAB?

### EPOCH Learning Sessions

SAB representatives have consistently engaged in EPOCH, an SEL curriculum designed to foster positive social and emotional learning outcomes. We are learning about various concepts revolving around identity, microaggressions, etc.

**What is Identity?** Your values/ethics, What you think of yourself and how others perceive you, who you truly are in your bones, your cultural background...

**Does it help you understand yourself or others?** We all have different pieces of our identity that makeup who we are.

## Student Voice & Community Schools

SAB representatives are currently learning about and providing their input to community schools initiatives.

Pillar #1	Pillar #2	Pillar #3	Pillar #4
Student & Family Supports	Student Centered Teaching and Learning Practices / Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities	Active Family Engagement	Collaborative Leadership & Practices
Each community school looks different, because each school site has different needs specific to its community			
SOME EXAMPLES...			
-MH services   -Laundry facilities -Lunch Vending Machines -Digital ID Card Attendance -Sports physical clinics -Immunization clinics -Translation support	-Saturday school -Summer opportunities -Innovative learning practices -Academic showcases -Personalized instruction -Student led conferences -Back2School night reimagined	-On-site community liaisons -Volunteer fingerprint clinics -Family nights P.A.T.T. -Cultural events -Families learn to serve as advocates and educational support for their children.	-Shared decisions making -Town Hall meetings -Focus groups/conversations -Family input -PLC's -Shared responsibility -Climate of Trust

### Next Steps:

- Determine needs via surveys, focus groups, data, and observations
- Write grants for 7 of 11 qualifying school sites Feb/March

## International Night & Cultural Attire Day

*A word from the organizers...*

We hope you enjoy our first ever district-wide International Night. Thank you to Dr. Pease and Ms. Jackson for your support, encouragement, and patience throughout this process. Also, thank you to all of the volunteers and performers who make this evening so special. It has been such an honor hosting this event, and we hope to see it become a longstanding tradition of creativity, togetherness, and unity within our district.

We strongly encourage members of the Folsom-Cordova community to take an active role in supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion. By embracing and celebrating our differences, we can create a stronger, more inclusive community.

- Ria Srivastava and Rocio Perez,  
'22 - '23 Student Board Members







**CULTURAL ATTIRE DAY**

26 APRIL, 2023

In preparation for FCUSD international night in the evening, students are encouraged to wear their cultural attire throughout the school day on Wednesday, April 26th. Mark the date.