

Saint Paul Public Schools Latino Consent Decree (LCD) Program

2015-16 Latino Consent Decree Parent Advisory
Council Annual Report & Recommendations



Background

- Update, review and evaluate the Latino Consent Decree (LCD) Program Implementation Guide.

Legal basis

- The Parent Advisory Council makes this recommendation pursuant to the LCD Stipulation, Section VIII
 - Evaluation of Section B, Program Evaluation and Monitoring, stating that “there shall be from time to time an evaluation made as to the home language background identification and assessment process and the other programs under this Stipulation to assure District compliance with all areas under the LCD.”

Rationale

- The current Implementation Guide, as it is today, does not address all the advancements, improvements, and best practices in education.
- Ensure that the LCD is implemented in the modern era in such a way as to meet its goal of advancing Latino students, closing the achievement gap, and aligning it to the District's Strategic Plan.

Our District Goals

- Create a plan for full implementation of the Latino Consent Decree (LCD)
- Go beyond compliance
- Ensure that the Implementation Guide is created in a meaningful manner
- Have positive outcomes for our students and families

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

1. LCD Annual Training for Staff

Professional Development

- Provide professional development for all school staff directly responsible for providing services to LCD/EL eligible students.
 - By November 30th, training will be provided for all LCD staff.
 - By September 15th, school administrators will be briefed on program requirements.
 - Work in collaboration with the Office of Teaching and Learning and the Office of Leadership.

Recommendation 2

2. Bilingual Content Support & Schedules

Schools with LCD Educational Assistants

- Meet LCD requirements regarding bilingual content support in the classroom.
- Review and align classroom schedules.
 - LCD EAs keep individual records of the number of LCD students served and time spent in each subject area
- Early fall/opening week
 - Schools review LCD eligible list and create schedules

Recommendation 3

Student Plan (SP-LCD)

Pilot Project

- All LCD eligible students must have an individual development plan (SP-LCD)
 - Explore, develop, and implement a pilot project
 - Work in collaboration with two school sites
 - Evaluate the response from Latino parents to this pilot project prior to SPPS implementing this requirement district-wide

Recommendation 4

Parent Engagement

Community-based organizations and district programs

- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
 - Latino Leadership Program
- Parent Academy Program
 - Align its curriculum and services to the LCD Parent Program
- MLL Parent Night
 - EL services
 - Title III requirements

Next Steps

- Continue the task of evaluating and updating the LCD Stipulation Guide.

Questions?