FOLLOW UP MEMO

TO: Members of the Superintendent's Community Advisory Council (S-CAC)

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RE: Follow up to our January 11th committee meeting

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ANCHORING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN OUR VALUES: GALLERY WALK

Similar to our meeting in December, after our initial welcome and community building, we started by going backward – reviewing the notes from our last meeting in order to identify the values that were reflected in our conversations. We asked participants to review the notes and to consider how we could actualize these values – put them in action, particularly from the perspective of their role.

SHAPING OUR DELIVERABLES

In small groups, we discussed how to frame out our two deliverables; a recommendations report to Superintendent Jarvis and the incoming Superintendent, and a cover letter appending the report. We asked ourselves:

- As incoming Supe, what's the most important content to hear?
- How specific should we be?
- What additional steps should we take to communicate our recommendations?

While our groups were having separate conversations, they resulted in a coalescing of recommendations, including:

- This work needs a home and resources to make it work.
- The superintendent needs to be strong, bold and visionary and embed themselves in the community as authentically and quickly as possible.
- The recommendations should both frame the work at a high level and be specific in their goals, tactics and purpose.
- Make it clear that this work is built from a foundation of excellent communication with the community.
- Anchor this work in student, focus on students furthest from educational justice

EXPANDING OUR REACH

Our second break out group discussion was focused on what, who, and how do we involve stakeholders outside of the SCAC.

- What feedback is sought?
- From whom?
- What are the best methods / channels to reach out and invite dialogue

Similar to the previous discussion, there was a lot of consensus around a few strategies the District should invest in, including:

- Building a shared vision of what our community looks like through "Power Mapping."
- Map out the community resources and partnerships.
- Invest in building an ambassador network.
- Invest in robust translation services, to fully engage our community and meet them where they are.

NEXT UP

We meet again February 8th, at Highland Middle School. At this meeting we will continue to build out our deliverables and to hone in on the specificity of our recommendations.

MANY THANKS!

Debbie and Patrick