PAC Meeting – April 22, 2025
Time: 5:30–7:00 PM
MDUSD Representatives Present: Samantha Allen, Dr. Adam Clark, Dr. Felicia Stuckey Smith, Marji Calbeck, Debra Mason, Christina Filios

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1. Welcome and Overview

Samantha Allen opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and reviewing the PAC's purpose—supporting the implementation and monitoring of district programs, especially those tied to the **Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**.

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2. District Updates – Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

- **Graduation & Promotion Season:** Excitement around upcoming high school graduations, middle school promotions, and elementary celebrations.
- **Special Education Celebration:** "Celebration of Success" on April 24, organized by the Community Advisory Committee (CAC).
- **Testing Season:**
    - CAASPP underway (grades 3–8, 11).
    - New **Star assessments** adopted for consistency in monitoring ELA and math progress.
- **Curriculum Updates:**
    - New math curriculum adoption for elementary and middle schools replacing Engage New York.
- **Federal Concerns:**
    - Potential impact of the proposed closure of the U.S. Department of Education.
    - Special Ed, Title I, and DEI initiatives potentially affected but currently protected under state oversight.
- **School Lunches:** Funding cuts noted.
- **WASC Visit:** Crossroads High School praised for strong services for teen mothers.
- **Continuation Schools:** Olympic and Prospect recognized at state level.
- **Cell Phone Policy:**
    - Expansion of **Yondr phone pouches** to more high schools. Currently at Olympic and Prospect Alt Ed. Schools.
    - Significant positive impact noted in pilot schools.

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3. Student Services Update – Dr. Felicia Stuckey Smith & Marji Calbeck

- Responsible for **enrollment, attendance, health services, discipline alternatives, SEL, PBIS, TUPE, 504 plans, and more**.
- **Attendance Data:**
  - 30,577 students enrolled.
  - 1,865 with perfect attendance; 12,952 with satisfactory attendance.
  - Chronic absenteeism has decreased 5.6%.
- **Discipline:**
  - Suspension rates increased 4% last year; efforts underway to reverse trend.
- **Graduation Rate:** Increasing.
- **Health and Safety:**
  - 83% of 5th graders feel safe.
  - Interventions needed for harassment reports from 7th, 9th and 11 grade students.
- **Support Services:** Include partnerships with clinics, law enforcement, and mental health agencies.

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4. LCAP Activity – Samantha Allen & Christina Filios

- Parents participated in an **interactive activity** using post-it notes to share what their students are involved in (e.g., AVID, music, speech, reading support).
- Purpose: To inform LCAP planning by understanding which student groups and activities need more attention and support based on **equity and supplemental funding**.