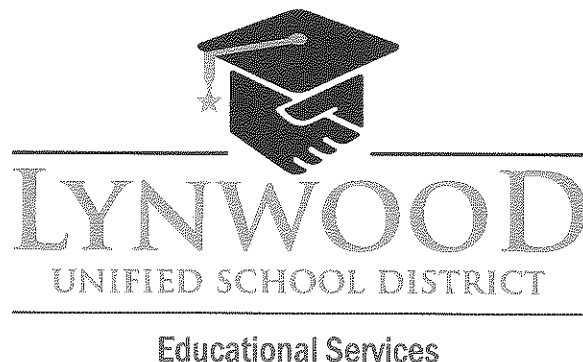




September 6, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that your child may be eligible to receive alternative supports and/or continue to receive Public School Choice (Choice) during the 2016–17 school year.

On December 10, 2015 President Barack Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA replaces the previous Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001.

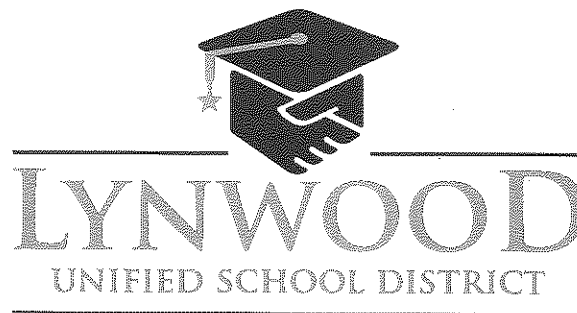
Under the ESSA, California is required to implement the same interventions in the 2016–17 school year for schools that were previously identified for program improvement (PI) in the 2015–16 school year; with the exception of the provision of Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and Choice.

As allowed by the ESSA, California is developing a new accountability system for the 2017–18 school year. The 2016–17 school year is considered a “transition” year, designed to effect an orderly transition to the new law and accountability system. California has developed a transition plan that describes various alternative supports and services that are to be provided to eligible students.

During the 2016–17 school year, under the ESSA, California has elected to eliminate the requirement for school districts to provide SES. Instead, school districts with schools identified for PI Year 2 and beyond will be required to provide eligible students with alternative supports. Alternative supports are supplemental activities, such as after school tutoring, designed to increase the academic achievement of students. Socioeconomically disadvantaged students attending a Title I school that is in PI Year 2 and beyond are eligible to receive alternative supports for the 2016–17 school year.

Lynwood Unified School District will offer the following alternative supports and services in 2016–17:

- Increase academic support during school hours
- Increase academic support before school
- Increase academic support after school
- Intersession
- Summer Bridge and/or extended year
- Small group instruction
- Purchasing supplemental materials to support alternative support services



Please note that if there are insufficient funds to serve all eligible students, priority will be given to the lowest-achieving, previously identified PI school(s) or the lowest-achieving student(s) attending a previously-identified PI school.

Under the new law, California has also elected to allow school districts to determine whether or not to offer Choice to new students. Choice allows students attending a PI school the option to transfer to another public school, including a public charter school, that is within the school districts and that was not identified for PI.

Recent changes under ESSA now allow school districts to provide additional services and options for students and families. Lynwood Unified School District will provide direct services, including individual tutoring and Summer Bridge. However, LUSD will not participate in provide Choice to new students for the 2016–17 school year.

(Please Note: If your child participated in Choice during the 2015–16 school year; he/she is permitted to remain in that school until they complete the highest grade in that school.) Therefore, only students who are participating in Choice as of the 2015-2016 school year or prior are eligible to receive transportation cost reimbursement.

If you are interested in learning more about the alternative supports and/or Choice options offered for your child, please contact Department of Instructional Services for additional information.

Sincerely,

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