



Orange Unified School District
District Advisory Council (D.A.C.)
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
District Office- Board Rooms 1-3



Dr. Matthew Witmer warmly welcomed all participants to the first District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting of 2026. He thanked members for their attendance and shared that this meeting marked the first time the Council would be hosted in a hybrid format, with both in-person and virtual participation, in an effort to engage a broader audience. He also announced that Superintendent, Dr. Rachel Monárrez was unable to participate in the meeting and expressed his apologies on her behalf for her absence due to a prior commitment.

Topics Discussed:

LCAP Focus Group

- Dr. Christina Lin, Executive Director of Assessment & Accountability facilitated a focus group activity regarding the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Her department's presentation outlined the process and objectives for the focus group activity and surveys.
- The focus group activities will gather stakeholder feedback to help shape district goals, improve resource allocation, and address the high-priority needs of students, staff and community.
- Early feedback from focus group participants has already highlighted critical areas for improvement, including a need for foundational academic support in literacy and math, reducing staff workload, enhancing communication across the district.
- Moving forward these focus groups will ensure that findings directly inform the LCAP and overall school improvement efforts.

High School Showcases

- Dr. Dipali Potnis, Executive Director of Secondary Education introduced Mr. Greg Kemp, Coordinator of Secondary Athletics & Activities.
- Additionally, Dr. Potnis discussed the high school community showcases and the purpose of these events at each of the four comprehensive high schools.
- High school showcases are designed to help families explore various pathways and programs that support student growth.
- All showcases run from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** and feature student presentations, food trucks, and school choice fairs:
 - Orange High: Wednesday, January 21, 2026
 - Canyon High: Wednesday, January 28, 2026
 - El Modena High: Wednesday, February 4, 2026
 - Villa Park High: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Open Enrollment

- Mr. Heriberto Angel, Executive Director of Student & Community Services, reminded the group of important enrollment deadlines for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - **January 26 (Today):** The online window for open enrollment closes at **4:00 p.m.**
 - **January 29:** Schools will conduct their lotteries and notify the District that this process has been completed.
 - **January 30:** Parents will receive notification of their lottery numbers at the site where Open Enrollment was completed.
 - **February 2:** School sites begin accepting students, and the Inter-District Transfer window officially opens.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.