

# ECS Community Schools Advisory Council

## Agenda

September 18, 2026

### Purpose

To strengthen partnerships, review Community Schools implementation progress, gather stakeholder feedback, and identify opportunities to increase student belonging, attendance, wellness, and family engagement.

| Time              | Agenda Item & Discussion Highlights                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 8:30 –<br>8:40 AM | <b>Welcome, Land Acknowledgment &amp; Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Centering the work through the Whole Child Framework</li><li>• Review of meeting purpose and intended outcomes</li><li>• Community Schools staffing updates shared by Ronda Evans</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8:40 –<br>9:00 AM | <b>Community Building &amp; Student Demographics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions: name, organization, and connection to Eureka City Schools (ECS)</li><li>• Review of ECS student demographics, including English learners, students experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage, and students receiving special education services</li><li>• Comparison of district demographics with state data</li><li>• Using data to inform decisions and address chronic absenteeism through tiered, family-centered supports</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:00 –<br>9:24 AM | <b>Community Schools Implementation &amp; Sustainability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Expansion of the Certified Wellness Coach (CWC) team from six to 14 coaches, with two coaches at each school</li><li>• Overview of wellness initiatives, including behavior academies and friendship groups</li><li>• Project AWARE partnership with Humboldt NeuroHealth to support social work services following staffing changes</li><li>• Introduction to Tier 1 social-emotional learning supports led by Emily Lancaster in collaboration with site administrators</li><li>• Review of more than 800 empathy interview data sets collected during the previous school year</li><li>• Capacity-building strategies and long-term funding opportunities for Community Schools</li><li>• Overview of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework</li></ul> |
| 9:24 –<br>9:45 AM | <b>Introductions &amp; Partner Connections</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opportunities for Advisory Council members to connect, share their roles, and strengthen collaboration across schools and community organizations</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

- 9:45 – 9:50 AM**      **Community Schools Staffing & Site Updates**
- Overview of Certified Wellness Coaches and Community Schools Liaisons (CSLs) across ECS school sites
- 9:50 – 10:12 AM**      **Break**
- 10:12 – 10:30 AM**      **Student Leadership Presentation**
- High school student leaders shared plans to improve Main Street, a student gathering and break area
  - Presentation of goals to create a more accessible, welcoming, and engaging outdoor space
  - Proposed improvements included benches, a student-designed mural, landscaping, and tetherball
  - Discussion of funding needs and opportunities for community partnerships
- 10:30 – 10:40 AM**      **Community Schools Updates & Impact Highlights**
- Parent Leadership Academy: engagement of 38 families
  - Grands on Benches implementation update
  - Lunch33/Lunch30 expansion and student engagement
  - Attendance recovery initiatives, including Bicycle Rodeo, Attendance Reboot, and Safe Harbor
  - CYBHI billing and Certified Wellness Coach implementation
  - Inclusive Excellence and MTSS alignment
  - Family Resource Fair highlights, including dental checkups, attendance incentives, and backpack distribution
- 10:40 – 11:20 AM**      **Partner Feedback & Continuous Improvement**
- Small-group and whole-group discussions focused on:
1. Increasing participation among Spanish-speaking families
  2. Identifying additional community partners to invite to future Advisory Council meetings
  3. Increasing participation in Data Walks and school engagement events
  4. Identifying emerging student and family needs to prioritize in the coming year
- Key Discussion Themes:**
- Strengthening support for English learner families
  - Expanding resources and support for students experiencing socioeconomic disadvantage
  - Sharing group feedback and identifying opportunities for continued collaboration
  - Reviewing mandated reporting responsibilities and sharing the county's child protection reporting guide and related data
- 11:20 – 11:30 AM**      **Next Steps & Closing Reflections**
- Summary of key takeaways
  - Identification of action items and partnership commitments
  - Review of upcoming Advisory Council meeting dates