

Superintendent's *Weekly* Brief

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January 15, 2021

Board Meeting Recap

At their regular board meeting held on January 14, 2021, the Board of Trustees passed Resolution 44-21: Denouncing Efforts to Undermine the 2020 Presidential Election Result and Supporting the Constitution of the United States. Although as a district we serve all of our students and families and wish to provide a safe setting for everyone, we also want to denounce violence as a tactic to undermining the election and reaffirm our support of the Constitution. The resolution can be viewed below:

Resolution 44-21:

Denouncing Efforts to Undermine the 2020 Presidential Election Result and Supporting the Constitution of the United States

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, our nation and the world witnessed illegal, violent, and seditious acts committed in an attempt to stop congress from counting and certifying the votes of the electoral college in the 2020 Presidential election and in essence overthrow the democratically elected government of the United States of America through this attack on our nation's capitol; and

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Biden is the lawfully and duly elected President-Elect of the United States and Kamala Harris is the lawfully and duly elected Vice President-Elect of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives have affirmed the election of Joseph R. Biden as President of the United States and the election of Kamala Harris as Vice President of the United States through our constitutionally mandated electoral college process, without consequential objection to any of the electoral votes cast by the 50 states; and

WHEREAS, disputes over claims of election fraud, improper administration of election law, and other concerns have all been properly adjudicated by the judicial branch of the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is no substantive, credible evidence that mail-in ballots were used to perpetrate fraudulent activity, or that widespread consequential voter fraud of any kind took place in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the work done by election clerks and election offices is vital to the execution of democracy and should not be baselessly disparaged; and

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WHEREAS, further perpetuation of falsehoods about voter fraud and purported illegitimate results of the 2020 Presidential election , perpetuation of any violence, or perpetuation of illegal behavior pose a clear and present danger to the preservation of our American democracy, the safety of our elected leaders and the safety of our fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, as public officials we have taken an oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, as public servants, we have an obligation to speak the truth, address pervasive misinformation, and serve as positive role models in the peaceful, lawful and responsible implementation of government for the students and communities that we serve; and

WHEREAS, the atmosphere created by the level of polarization, injustice and intolerance in our national political discourse negatively impacts our country, our community, and our youth; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodland Joint Unified School District’s Board of Trustees, on behalf of the students and community that we serve, hereby condemns the acts of domestic terrorism, sedition, and acts of violence that took place on January 6, 2021 including: destruction of historical property at the nation’s capital, illegal trespassing on our Nations capitol, violent acts that led to injury and death, violence against law enforcement, and intimidation and threats of violence against elected officials and acts of sedition committed in order to stop the peaceful and lawful transition of Presidential power on January 6, 2021, and as well as condemns the rioters who unlawfully attacked our nation’s Capital, and the elected and civic officials who played a role in encouraging and enabling these unlawful and violent acts.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Woodland Joint Unified School District reaffirms its commitment to the civic education of our students, the peaceful, lawful, and responsible implementation of government, the right of all people to peaceful and responsible forms of protest, and our responsibility to use factual and accurate information related to past, current, and future events when deliberating the delivery of our educational curriculum and policies.

The Educational Services Department presented plans for implementation of small cohort SDC classes to begin on February 1, 2021. I want to thank both the WJUSD bargaining team and WEA bargaining team in reaching an agreement that provides for adjusted schedules and the safe return for students and staff. This is a wonderful first step in getting all of our students back to school for in-person instruction.

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Last night, the Board approved the goals for the 21-22 through 23-24 LCAP. This approval is a culmination of gathering input from a variety of stakeholder over the last 18 months. These goals are really focused and aligned with our ongoing strategic efforts of planning and implementing a Youth master Plan, implementing our Graduate profile, and supporting our second language students through the implementation of the EL Roadmap.

The approved goals are as follows:

Goal 1:

Each student will meet the skills and competencies of the graduate profile in order to be college and career ready through a rigorous, intellectually rich, and culturally relevant environment.

Goal 2:

Each student's individual social-emotional and academic needs will be met through quality first instruction, enrichment, and intervention in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment.

Goal 3:

Accelerate the academic achievement and English proficiency of each English learner through an assets-oriented approach, and standards-based instruction.

Goal 4: Provide meaningful engagement and leadership opportunities for youth to directly and significantly shape each student's education and school community.

The Board approved the hiring of LPA, Inc. to begin the process of completing a Facility Master Plan. The plan includes a variety of activities that we hope will be completed in the next 8-10 months. The plan will provide information to help the Board establish facility priorities for bond expenditures as well as future projects. The Plan should serve the district for the next 10 years.

Task 1 - Data Collection

Task 2 - Stakeholder Engagement

Task 3 - Demographic and Cap. Analysis

Task 4 – Facilities Needs Assessment

Task 5 - Educational Specifications

Task 6 - Implementation Site Diagrams

Task 7 - Cost Estimating

Task 8 - Financial Analysis

Task 9 - Development of Databases

Task 10 - LRFMP Process Website

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The Board approved the rental and installation of two portable classrooms at Spring Lake Elementary School. These classrooms will be used while construction of the multipurpose building and the 5th and 6th grade classroom are being constructed.

Yolo County COVID-19 Status

Periodically, the State reports data related to the COVID-19 status of each county. As of today (**January 15, 2021**), Yolo County is in **Tier 1 or PURPLE**. Although still in the purple tier, the Sacramento region has been removed from the Stay at-home order list. Please keep in mind that the stay at home order is based on the trends in ICU bed availability and the tiers are determined by virus spread rates.

The graph shows both metrics that are monitored by Yolo County to determine which Tier or “color” they are in. Both metrics must be in the color range for the county to be considered “in” a tier.

