



§ 15497. Local Control and Accountability Plan Introduction:

**Our Mission:**

The Mission of the Berkeley Unified School District is to enable and inspire our diverse student body to achieve academic excellence and make positive contributions to our world.

**Our Vision:**

Our Students are curious and creative learners who succeed through personal initiative and sustained effort to reach high academic goals. They are critical thinkers who seek knowledge and possess technological competence and collaborative skills. Our students embrace diversity, act responsibly, and contribute to our community.

Our Educators believe that all students can meet or exceed rigorous academic standards. Teachers, staff, and administrators together form a rich professional learning community where all are supported to hone our professional craft and improve our effectiveness. Through the examination of our instructional practices and data, we adjust our teaching and operational systems in order to continuously improve. We are responsible in the stewardship of our fiscal resources and fair and equitable in their distribution.

Our Families and Community are integral to the success of our students and schools. Families are active, engaged and welcomed partners in their child s education ho gj e alued input and participate in making important decisions about our academic and enrichment programs. Our diverse community is passionate about equ-2(s an)-6(d)-4( C19@rco5 f1 0 0 1 630.58 7.02 298.61 Tm-4(u)-ate t)ional ouoesinstudenFas.

## Background

### Five Strategic Goals for Excellence

In keeping with our mission of inspiring and enabling success for ALL students, five strategic goals have guided the district priorities, actions, and allocation of resources. These five goals, summarized below, have guided our efforts to identify best practices and close the achievement gap. We have directed professional development toward using data to drive decisions, and provided access to better online evaluation and assessment tools that have helped in the identification of best practices. The focused efforts are showing improved outcomes for all student groups (by ethnicity and by special circumstance) on key indicators of student achievement.

### The 2020 Vision

Just as the Five Strategic Goals for Excellence have guided the work of the Berkeley Unified School District Board, district leadership, and school site leaders, the Vision for Berkeley's Children and Youth has galvanized community-wide commitments to end the disparities in academic achievement that exist along racial lines among children and youth in Berkeley. The foundational belief of the 2020 Vision work is that improving educational outcomes for underserved students improves outcomes for all students. Equity and academic excellence work in tandem and both are priorities in our schools.



to know and be able to do from kindergarten through high school. These more rigorous standards have necessitated the use of new curricular materials and assessments, the integration of instructional technology, and computer and digital literacy for students. Raising expectations for all students is intended to

Section 1: Stakeholder Engagement

The first section of the Plan provides an overview of the stakeholder engagement process used to inform the development of the LCAP, as well as a reflection on how community input informed the LCAP. It is through the engagement of representatives from all of the district's stakeholders, and review of district data on student achievement and outcomes, that a need profile was developed.









*State Priorities*

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## Section 1: Stakeholder Engagement

Instructions: Describe the process used to engage parents, pupils, and the community and how this engagement contributed to development of the LCAP or annual update. Note that the LEA's goals related to the state priority results of HA4 (Parents and Family Involvement) and CA4 (Community and Family Involvement) actions and expenditures are to be described in Section 3.

Guiding Questions:

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Involvement Process	Impact on LCAP
English Learner Reclassification Rate	
Longitudinal Advanced Placement Pass Rate	
<i>Student Engagement</i>	
School attendance and chronic absenteeism rates and the disproportionality of attendance rates for African-American students	
Longitudinal High School Cohort Graduation and Dropout rates	
<i>Other Student Outcomes</i>	
Longitudinal performance on the Teacher s College Reading and Writing Project (TCRWP) Assessment	
Progress on local assessments in Mathematics	
<i>School Climate</i>	
Longitudinal school suspension rates and the disproportionality of suspension rates for African-American students	
- Performance bi-annually on the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)	
District family and student school climate surveys	
<i>Parent Involvement</i>	
Efforts to seek family input	



**Involvement Process**

LCAP was shared at a joint meeting of the PAC/DELAC in late April, and the two groups met informally in early May as a working group to jointly write comments on the first draft.

The new Educational Advisory Committee, composed of administrators, staff and teachers from the elementary, middle and high schools, met in parallel with the PAC and DELAC, until the final meeting on May 15, 2014, at which the EAC, PAC and DELAC met together to discuss the second draft LCAP.

**Community Focus Groups**

The district also worked with parent and community partner organizations to form focus groups representative of the students in our key subgroups. The groups included Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action (BOCA); Parents of Children of African Descent (PCAD); Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS); Bay Area Hispano Institute for Advancement (BAHIA); A Better Way, an organization that oversees the Foster Youth program; Families in Transition, for Homeless students, as well as meetings with groups of students at Berkeley High School. Focus groups were provided data on disparities in key areas such as test scores, literacy at third grade, attendance, suspensions, and English Learner proficiency, and were asked to provide suggestions for improving Student Achievement, School Climate, Student Engagement, and Family Engagement.

**Communication**

An LCFF/LCAP webpage was created on the BUSD website to keep the broader community updated on meetings and provide minutes from PAC and DELAC meetings. In addition to the dedicated webpages, meeting announcements and updates on the LCAP development were provided in the district s bi eekl email ne sletter, the A+ news, sent to all district staff and over 7,500 community members in both English and Spanish. A Google Group was created for the PAC and DELAC as a repository of all the materials and presentations from meetings.

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To help readers navigate unfamiliar terminology and acronyms, two glossaries were created in English and Spanish one as a guide to LCFF and LCAP terms, and one as a guide to BUSD educational programs. For a Community Forum in late April, a chart was created in English and Spanish, summarizing the essential components of the LCAP in terms a framework that began with the

**Impact on LCAP**

opportunity to work with a budget tool which gave them \$2.4 million to allocate. Those results were analyzed both separately and together.

**Top Priorities**

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Involvement Process	Impact on LCAP
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needs that had surfaced in the consultation process, the three	
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Section 2: Goals and Progress Indicators

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Instructions: Describe annual goals and expected and actual progress toward meeting goals. This section must include specifics projected for the applicable term of the LCAP, and in each annual update year, a review of progress made in the past fiscal year based on an identified metric. Charter schools may adjust the chart below to align with the term of the charter school's budget that is submitted to the school's authority pursuant to Education Code section 47604.33. The metrics may be quantitative or qualitative, although LEAs must, at minimum, use the specific metrics that statute explicitly references as required elements for measuring progress within a particular state priority area. Goals must address each of the state priorities and any additional local priorities; however, one goal may address multiple priorities. The LEA may identify which school sites and subgroups have the same goals, and group and describe those goals together. The LEA may also indicate those goals that are not applicable to a specific subgroup or school site. The goals must reflect outcomes for all pupils and include specific goals for school

	Goals			What will be different/improved for students? (based on identified metric)	Related State and Local Priorities
Identified Need and Metric (What needs have been identified and what metrics are used to measure progress?)	Description of Goal	Applicable Pupil Subgroups (Identify applicable subgroups (as defined in EC 52052) or indicate ^ o o _ ( } OE pupils.)	School(s) Affected ~ /dr ] š ^	Analysis of Progress	Identify specific state priority. For districts and COEs, all priorities in statute must be included and identified; each goal may be linked to more than one priority if appropriate.)



<p>Our Students Need College and Career Goals: College and career counseling and high school courses meaningfully connected to life goals.</p>	<p>Goal 1.5: College and Career Planning for highest risk students As a component of a preK-12 college going culture, 100% of targeted 9<sup>th</sup> grade students (in noted subgroups) will identify a post-secondary college/career plan, be enrolled in appropriate college and/or career prep courses and tracked</p>
<p>Metric: <i>Planning - College / Career (CTE) Plan</i> completion for the Class of 2018</p>	<p>throughout high school using the individual Transcript Evaluation Service (TES) report.</p>
<p><i>On-Track towards College / Career - Beginning with the Class of 2014, Transcript</i></p>	<p>The percentage of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in targeted subgroups completing a-g courses with a C or better will increase by 5% annually as measured by the TES on-track to ards a-g completion report.</p>
<p>Evaluation Service (TES On-Track to College Career Report</p>	<p>Goal 1.6: Graduation Success By 2016-17, 90% or more students will successfully complete graduation requirements, and the</p>
<p><i>Graduation - Graduation Cohort Report (State Targets)</i></p>	<p>graduation rate of identified student subgroups will increase by at least 2% annually until they1 0 0 1 181.wach 90% or mor</p>

	<p><u>LCAP Focus Goal 2</u>: End the racial predictability of academic achievement by ensuring that all systems are culturally and linguistically responsive to the needs of our students.</p>							
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Our Students Need  
Great Teachers:  
Caring, committed,  
collaborative,  
exemplary  
teachers who use  
diverse teaching  
strategies and  
represent student  
body

Metrics:  
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Our Students  
Need Social-  
Emotional Skills  
and Mental  
Health:  
Social and  
emotional tools for  
students to be  
ready to learn

Metric:  
New CCSS K-5  
Report card (RC)  
section: Toolbox  
social and  
emotional domains

California Healthy  
Kids Survey (CHKS)

Goal 3.1: Social-Emotional  
Skills and Mental Health  
Beginning in 2014-15, K-6  
classroom instruction will  
include a curriculum for social  
and emotional life skills, such  
as, self-management, social  
and self awareness, decision-  
making and relationship skills.  
The percentage of targeted K-  
6 students scoring at a 3 or  
better in the Social-Emotional  
Domains section of the report  
card will increase by 5%  
annually.

Students in K-12 will receive  
social-emotional supports



Our Students  
Need Full  
Engagement with  
School:  
Positive support  
and effective  
discipline that  
keeps them in the  
classroom learning

Goal 3.3: Positive Supports,  
Effective Discipline  
The number\* of middle and  
high school African-American  
students who are suspended  
at least once will be reduced  
each year by at least 15%  
through the participation in  
restorah the participation in

Metric:  
Annual State  
Suspension Report

<p>Our Students Need Schools and Families to Partner: Families feeling welcomed and connected and able to support the educational success of their students</p> <p>Metrics: CHKS School Connectedness Survey, Family Engagement Coordinators logs Family Connectedness Survey</p>	<p>Goal 3.4: Family Partnership Beginning with 2014-15, the percentage of students and families who are English Learners, African-American and/or Latino reporting connectedness to schools and access to school resources will be at 75% or more.</p> <p>The percentage of collaborative connections with families of identified student subgroups will increase by 5% annually as logged confidentially in the data-management system.</p>	<p>English learners</p> <p>African-American</p> <p>Latino</p>	<p>Districtwide: All K-12 Schools</p>		<p>TBD based on District Survey reporting on School Connectedness</p> <p>Connection Log: 319 targeted families at 11 schools</p>	<p>75% or More from CHKS and District Survey reporting School Connectedness</p> <p>Connection Log: 335 targeted families at 11 schools</p>	<p>75% or More from District Survey reporting School Connectedness</p> <p>Connection Log: 352 targeted families at 11 schools</p>	
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Section 3: Actions, Services, and Expenditures

Instructions: Identify annual actions to be performed to meet the goals described in Section 2, and describe expenditures to implement each action, and where these expenditures can be found in the LEA's budget. Actions may describe a group of services that are implemented to achieve identified goals. The actions and expenditures must reflect details within a goal for the specific subgroups identified in Education Code section 52052, including pupils with disabilities, and for specific school sites as applicable. In describing the actions and expenditures that will serve low-income, English learner, and/or foster youth pupils as defined in Education Code section 42238.01, the LEA must identify whether supplemental and concentration funds are used in a districtwide, schoolwide, countywide, or charterwide manner. In the annual update, the LEA must describe any changes to actions as a result of a review of progress. The LEA must reference all fund sources used to support actions and services. Expenditures must be classified using the California School Accounting Manual as required by Education Code sections 52061, 52067, and 47606.5.

Guiding Questions:

- 1) What actions/services will be provided to all pupils, to subgroups of pupils identified pursuant to Education Code section 52052, to specific school sites, to English learners, to low-income pupils, and/or to foster youth to achieve goals identified in the LCAP?
  - 2) How do these actions/services link to identified goals and performance indicators?
  - 3) What expenditures support changes to actions/services as a result of the goal identified? Where can these expenditures be found in the LEA's budget?
  - 4) In the annual update, how have the actions/services addressed the needs of all pupils and did the provisions of those services result in the desired outcomes?
  - 5) In the annual update, how have the actions/services addressed the needs of all subgroups of pupils identified pursuant to Education Code section 52052, including, but not limited to, English learners, low-income pupils, and foster youth; and did the provision of those actions/services result in the desired outcomes?
  - 6) In the annual update, how have the actions/services addressed the identified needs and goals of specific school sites and did the provision of those actions/services result in the desired outcomes?
  - 7) In the annual update, what changes in actions, services, and expenditures have been made as a result of reviewing past progress and/or changes to goals?
- A. What annual actions, and the LEA may include any services that support these actions, are to be performed to meet the goals described in Section 2 for ALL pupils and the goals specifically for subgroups of pupils identified in Education Code section 52052 but not listed in Table 3B below (e.g.,

Goal 1.1:  
Credentialed  
teachers

A1.1 Continue to  
ensure all teachers  
are qualified and  
appropriately  
credentialed.

Districtwide:  
**All** K-12  
Schools

Goal 1.2:  
Implement  
new State  
Standards

A1.2 Provide  
professional  
development to  
support the  
implementation of  
the Common Core  
(CCSS) and Next  
Generation  
Science Standards  
(NGSS) including  
the integration of  
technology.

Reader s and  
Writer s  
Workshop).

Expense: Certificated  
salaries, Teacher hourly  
curriculum  
development time,  
substitutes, conference  
and travel

Source: \$106,000 in  
BSEP  
\$61,000 (CCSS)  
\$44,000 (Title I, Title II)

Goal 1.3:  
Grade Level  
Literacy

A1.4 Improve  
districtwide, best  
practices in three-  
tier model of  
literacy instruction  
and intervention  
with additional Rtl<sup>2</sup>  
(Response To  
Instruction and  
Intervention)  
teacher coaches to  
monitor and  
provide services to  
students.

Schoolwide:  
Pre-School  
All  
Elementary  
and Middle  
Schools

Actions/Services:  
Provide certificated staff  
for all K-5 schools to  
support the  
implementation of Rtl<sup>2</sup>.  
Provide one part time  
district Rtl<sup>2</sup> certificated



Goal 1.4:  
Grade Level  
Math  
Proficiency

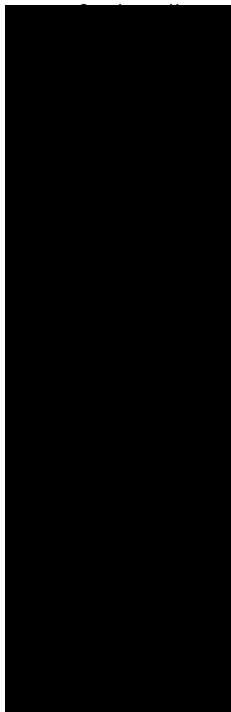




<p>LCAP Focus Goal 2: End the racial predictability of academic achievement by ensuring that all systems are culturally and linguistically responsive to the needs of our students.</p>							
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Goal 2.1:  
Cultural &  
Linguistic  
Relevance

A2.1 Develop  
teacher and staff  
cultural  
competence and



Goal 2.1:  
Cultural &  
Linguistic  
Relevance

A2.2 Ensure





Goal 3.2:  
Consistent  
Attendance

A3.2: Ensure  
regular,  
individual  
contact with  
high-risk  
students by  
increasing  
staffing that will  
oversee all  
academic and  
social  
interventions,  
implement a  
new system to  
connect students  
to the

Goal 3.3:  
Positive  
Supports,  
Effective  
Discipline

		<p>A3.5: Actively monitor progress in achieving the LCAP goals with the dedication of a Teacher on Special Assignment (TSA) position in the Research and Evaluation Office.</p>	<p>Districtwide: All K-12 Schools</p>		<p>Actions/Services: Train Site Incident Managers to track and monitor all office referrals, suspensions and alternatives to suspensions in the student information system</p> <p>No Expense: Training will occur during scheduled meetings</p> <p>Actions/Services: Monitor Site Incident Management data entry through a quarterly system audit</p> <p>No Expense: Departments of Student Services will monitor data</p>	<p>Actions/Services: Train new Site Incident Managers and review with others, how to track and monitor all office referrals, suspensions and alternatives to suspensions in the student information system</p> <p>No Expense: Training will occur during scheduled meetings</p> <p>Actions/Services: Monitor Site Incident Management data entry through a quarterly system audit</p> <p>No Expense: Departments of Student Services will monitor data</p>	<p>Actions/Services: Train new Site Incident Managers and review with others, how to track and monitor all office referrals, suspensions and alternatives to suspensions in the student information system</p> <p>No Expense: Training will occur during scheduled meetings</p> <p>Actions/Services: Monitor Site Incident Management data entry through a quarterly system audit</p> <p>No Expense: Departments of Student Services will monitor data</p>
<p>Evaluation of LCAP Programs: Ensure all LCAP Goals are meeting the needs of the identified sub-groups through on-going, consistent evaluation and reporting.</p>			<p>Districtwide: All K-12 Schools and Pre-schools</p>		<p>Actions/Services: Hire a TSA to monitor progress on achieving LCAP goals.</p> <p>Expense: Certificated salary</p> <p>SourceTJETQq396.89 73.5.</p>		





coaching/lesson modeling with one full time literacy coach for each K-5 school

B1.2: For Low Income and English Learners: Extend the school day with small group ELA instruction for students in grades K-12 before and after school with classroom teachers using research-based intervention practices.

<p>Goal 1.4: Grade Level Math Proficiency</p>		<p>B1.4: For Low-Income students: Extend the school day with small group instruction to students in grades K-12 before and after school with classroom teachers using research-based intervention practices.</p>	<p>Districtwide: All K-12 Schools</p>				<p>Actions/Services: Provide before and after school intervention classes for low income and English Learner students</p> <p>Expense: Teacher hourly</p> <p>Source: See Action Step B1.2</p>
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Goal 1.5:  
College and  
Career Planning  
for highest risk  
students





		ELD Teacher on Special Assignment (TSA) who will provide training, coaching and support to ELD teachers as well as TWI, Bilingual and mainstream teachers to ensure students make progress towards English fluency.			Expense: Certificated Salaries  Source: \$92,200 (Title I, II and III)	Expense: Certificated Salaries  Source: \$92,200 (Title I, II and III)	Expense: Certificated Salaries  Source: \$92,200 (Title I, II and III)
<u>LCAP Focus</u> Goal 3: Ensure all school sites have safe, welcoming and inclusive climates for all students and their families, so that all students are in their classes and ready to learn.							

Goal 3.1:  
Social-  
Emotional Skills,  
and Mental  
Health

B3.1: For Low-  
Income and  
Foster Youth:  
Provide

Goal 3.3:  
Positive  
Supports,  
Effective  
Discipline

B3.2: For Low  
Income Students  
and Foster  
Youth: Develop  
culturally  
relevant positive  
behavioral  
intervention  
supports (PBIS)  
and Toolbox  
social-emotional  
domains that  
address the  
needs of  
students in  
danger of  
suspension with  
the guidance of a  
Behavioral  
Specialist.

Districtwide:  
All K-12  
Schools and  
Pre-schools

B3.3: For Low  
Income Students  
and Foster  
Youth: Continue  
the Alive and  
Free Program to  
teach high-risk  
youth the skills  
to avoid violence  
and remain  
unharmmed and  
free from  
suspension and  
incarceration.

Schoolwide:  
Berkeley  
Technology  
Academy  
  
Targeted  
Secondary  
School  
students at  
Berkeley High  
School

B3.4: For Low  
Income Students  
and Foster  
Youth: Provide

Schoolwide:  
Berkeley High  
School

case-management and intervention services such as Youth Court, Lifelines, Restorative Justice and other restorative practices for students identified as at-risk of suspension.

Expense:  
No additional cost , services provided on campus intervention staff and Dean of Students

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No additional cost , services provided on campus intervention staff and Dean of Students

Expense:





D. Consistent with the requirements of 5 CCR 15496, demonstrate how the services provided in the LCAP year for low income pupils, foster youth, and English learners provide for increased or improved services for these pupils in proportion to the increase in funding provided for such pupils in that year as calculated pursuant to 5

Alive and Free: Program designed to keep young people alive and free, unharmed by violence and free from incarceration. Their goal is to provide young people with opportunity and support to build positive lives for themselves and to move into contributing roles in society.

AP: (Advanced Placement) Courses offering college-level curriculum and examinations to high school students

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## Appendix B: LCFF and LCAP: Some Key Terms

ADA: Average Daily Attendance – the average number of pupils actually attending classes for at least the minimum school day.

API: Academic Performance Index – a measurement of a school's academic performance and progress.

BASE RATE: state funding allocated to districts under LCFF tied to ADA in grade spans K

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)	
2/6	Orientation, Data Elements and School Climate
2/20	District Goals, Data, Student and Family Engagement
3/6	Budget Proposals and Survey Results
3/20	Review Goals and Redefine Priorities
4/24	Review of Draft LCAP
5/8	PAC/DELAC Working Group: Comments on Draft LCAP
5/15	Review Second Draft LCAP

Educators Advisory Committee and Principals (EAC)	
1/15	Review of LCAP Eight State Priorities
2/4	LCFF/LCAP Overview
2/21	Secondary Principals Discuss Priorities
3/3	Priorities with Budget Analysis
3/17	Proposals with Cost Analysis
4/15	Draft LCAP

District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC)	
2/6	Orientation, Data Elements and School Climate
3/6	Overview: School Climate and Student Engagement
3/13	Best Practices and Survey Result
3/20	Review Goals and Refine Priorities
4/24	Review of Draft LCAP
5/8	PAC/DELAC Working Group: Comments on Draft LCAP
5/15	Review Second Draft LCAP

School Governance Councils	
10/24	Orientation and Training for Parent Leaders
2/13	Principals Present LCAP Overview

BSEP Planning and Oversight Committee (P&O)	
1/14	LCAP Overview
1/28	LCFF, BSEP and Class Size Reduction (CSR)
2/11	LCFF Budget, Family Engagement and School Climate
3/11	Student Achievement and Proposals with Cost Analysis

Superintendents Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC)	
12/17	LCAP Overview
2/11	LCFF Budget, School Climate and Family Engagement
3/11	Student Achievement and Proposals with Cost analysis
3/11	First Draft LCAP
5/27	Second Draft LCAP

Community Focus Groups

Our students NEED	Our Three-Year GOAL	What we are doing NOW	What we are doing NEXT
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Our students NEED	Our Three-Year GOAL	What we are doing NOW	What we are doing NEXT
College and Career Ready at Graduation			

Goal 1.4: Students will demonstrate grade level proficiency in math with Eighth Grade performance

MATH SKILLS:  
Proficiency in Mathematics to prepare for high school and beyond





Our students NEED	Our Three-Year GOAL	What we are doing NOW	What we are doing NEXT
Safe, Welcoming and Inclusive School Climates			

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL TOOLS and  
MENTAL HEALTH:  
Social

Goal: To end the racial predictability of academic success in Berkeley's public schools by the year 2020

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Collective Impact Framework

- Approach for solving complex social problems
- Common goals and shared vision
- Shared responsibility and accountability
- Collaborative effort
- Structured process and decision making

Cradle to Career Approach

- Pipeline from birth to post-secondary

Key Indicators

- Kindergarten Readiness (Measured by the Kindergarten Universal Screener)
- Proficiency in Reading by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- Successful Completion of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Standards
- College and Career Readiness
- Attendance
- Disproportionality of Police Contacts
- Disproportionality of Suspensions/Expulsions
- Student Engagement (As measured by the California Healthy Kids Survey)

2020 Design Team Membership:

Berkeley Alliance Executive Director; City of Berkeley: Mayors Office and You

**Appendix F: Focus Goals, Sub-Goals, Metrics and Baseline Data Used for Section 2 Needs Assessment**

As part of the needs assessment process indicated in Section 1, a needs assessment was conducted to determine which data-



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## Appendix F: Focus Goals, Sub-Goals, Metrics and Baseline Data Used for Section 2 Needs Assessment

### Goal 3.4: Family Partnership

Beginning with 2014-15, the percentage of students and families who are English Learners, African-American and/or Latino reporting connectedness to schools and access to school resources will be at 75% or more.

The percentage of collaborative connections with families of identified student subgroups will increase by 5% annually as logged confidentially in the data-management system.

CHKS School  
Connectedness Survey

Family Engagement  
Coordinators  
intervention logs

Family Connectedness  
Survey

New Metrics: District Family and CHKS Student  
reporting on School Connectedness

There were 126 families at 6 schools who had

## Appendix G:

**Berkeley Unified School District  
Equity Strategy Framework**

**District Adopted Definition of Educational Equity:** *Educational Equity means raising the achievement of all students while eliminating racial predictability and disproportionality and narrowing the gaps between the highest and lowest performing student groups. Equity goes beyond equality where everyone is treated the same, to fostering a barrier-free environment where individuals benefit equally.*

*The District's commitment to Educational Equity ensures that all students have full and open access to a challenging curriculum and are provided the support needed for academic success. Further, the District believes that Educational Equity requires cultural proficiency, which always impacts effective instruction and learning.*

**Our Equity Mission:**

As a District committed to educational equity and excellence for all learners, we will **eliminate racial and other demographic differences in achievement, while we improve achievement for all students** by:

- examining individual and organizational beliefs and changing practices to counteract the contemporary and historical impact of racism and discrimination
- implementing district policy to support systemic change
- allocating funding at both the district and school based level to fulfill the objectives laid out within this framework

**Our Equity Objectives:**

1. All schools will welcome and support all of our students and their families by prioritizing a focus on equity, ensuring customer- friendly service, and providing language access.
2. All BUSD staff will develop and consistently demonstrate *cultural competence*.
3. Each member of our District community will develop and demonstrate the will, skill, and knowledge to create systemic change that results in equitable schools, as demonstrated by high levels of achievement for all BUSD students.
4. Students of all racial/cultural groups will realize their potential for personal, social, and academic achievement in BUSD schools.
5. All learning experiences in the Berkeley Unified School District will be racially integrated, *culturally relevant*, and personally challenging.

**The Core Beliefs That Guide Our Equity Work:**

- f* We have the courage and integrity to create the conditions that will foster educational equity and excellence for all learners.
- f* Educational equity means raising the achievement of all students while narrowing the gap between the highest and lowest performing student groups.
- f* Equity goes beyond equality where everyone is treated the same, to fostering a barrier-free environment where individuals benefit equally.
- f* Educational equity requires *cultural proficiency*, which always impacts effective instruction and learning.
- f* All students can achieve when they are effectively taught how to learn and are held to high expectations.
- f* Schools will be excellent only when students of all racial/ethnic/cultural and socio-economic groups are achieving at their full potential.
- f* Each individual staff member must examine her/his own beliefs and assumptions with the goal of eliminating harmful practices to counteract the contemporary and historic impacts of racism and discrimination.
- f* School districts must examine institutional beliefs and effect systemic change in policies, practices, and structures that perpetuate inequities based on race and class.
- f* The future of our democracy depends upon our will and skill to effectively educate all children.







**Section 2 (con): Family and Community Partnership and Engagement**

Quality Indicator                      **T**Not Evident



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**Rating scale Key:**

**Not Evident - We are just beginning to work in this area.**

**Developing - We have done some work, but have a long way to go.**

**Competent -**







