

ELEMENT EDUCATION, INC.

To: Members of the Board

From: Terri Novacek

Subject: **Consideration of Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

Scope: **Community Montessori Charter School**

Meeting Date: July 15, 2014

- Action
- First Reading
- Information
- Presentation
- Public Hearing
- Roll Call Vote Required

Background: Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) is the plan on how schools are held accountable for using state funds and supporting targeted youth. It is intended to be a planning tool for the school to monitor and adjust its activities to support the goals stated in its charter. It must include stakeholder engagement, goals and progress indicators, and actions, services and expenditures. The LCAP is a three-year report. Charter schools must submit their final, adopted LCAP to both the authorizing district and their County Office Superintendent.

Report: The proposed plan is a result of input provided by all stakeholders of Dehesa Charter School and coordinates well with the upcoming WASC self-study.

Financial Impact: N/A

Student Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Approve the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Dehesa Charter School.

Agenda Item #: X.A

§ 15497. Local Control and Accountability Plan and Annual Update Template.

Introduction:

LEA: Community Montessori Charter School Contact: Terri Novacek, Executive Director, tnovacek@myelement.org, 760-743-788 LCAP Year: 2014-15

Local Control and Accountability Plan and Annual Update Template

The Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and annual update template shall be used to provide details regarding local educational agencies' (LEAs) actions and expenditures to support pupil outcomes and overall performance pursuant to Education Code sections 52060, 52066, 47605, 47605.5, and 47606.5.

For school districts, pursuant to Education Code section 52060, the LCAP must describe, for the school district and each school within the district, goals and specific actions to achieve those goals for all pupils and each subgroup of pupils identified in Education Code section 52052, including pupils with disabilities, for each of the state priorities and any locally identified priorities.

For county offices of education, pursuant to Education Code section 52066, the LCAP must describe, for each county office of education-operated school and program, goals and specific actions to achieve those goals for all pupils and each subgroup of pupils identified in Education Code section 52052, including pupils with disabilities, who are funded through the county office of education Local Control Funding Formula as identified in Education Code section 2574 (pupils attending juvenile court schools, on probation or parole, or mandatorily expelled) for each of the state priorities and any locally identified priorities. School districts and county offices of education may additionally coordinate and describe in their LCAPs services provided to pupils funded by a school district but attending county-operated schools and programs, including special education programs.

Charter schools, pursuant to Education Code sections 47605, 47605.5, and 47606.5, must describe goals and specific actions to achieve those goals for all pupils and each subgroup of pupils identified in Education Code section 52052, including pupils with disabilities, for each of the state priorities as applicable and any locally identified priorities. For charter schools, the inclusion and description of goals for state priorities in the LCAP may be modified to meet the grade levels served and the nature of the programs provided, including modifications to reflect only the statutory requirements explicitly applicable to charter schools in the Education Code.

The LCAP is intended to be a comprehensive planning tool. LEAs may reference and describe actions and expenditures in other plans and funded by a variety of other fund sources when detailing goals, actions, and expenditures related to the state and local priorities. LCAPs must be consistent with school plans submitted pursuant to Education Code section 64001. The information contained in the LCAP, or annual update, may be supplemented by information contained in other plans (including the LEA plan pursuant to Section 1112 of Subpart 1 of Part A of Title I of Public Law 107-110) that are incorporated or referenced as relevant in this document.

For each section of the template, LEAs should comply with instructions and use the guiding questions as prompts (but not limits) for completing the information as required by statute. Guiding questions do not require separate narrative responses. Data referenced in the LCAP must be consistent with the school accountability report card where appropriate. LEAs may resize pages or attach additional pages as necessary to facilitate completion of the LCAP.

State Priorities

The state priorities listed in Education Code sections 52060 and 52066 can be categorized as specified below for planning purposes, however, school districts and county offices of education must address each of the state priorities in their LCAP. Charter schools must address the priorities in Education Code section 52060(d) that apply to the grade levels served, or the nature of the program operated, by the charter school.

A. Conditions of Learning:

Basic: degree to which teachers are appropriately assigned pursuant to Education Code section 44258.9, and fully credentialed in the subject areas and for the pupils they are teaching; pupils have access to standards-aligned instructional materials pursuant to Education Code section 60119; and school facilities are maintained in good repair pursuant to Education Code section 17002(d). (Priority 1)

Implementation of State Standards: implementation of academic content and performance standards adopted by the state board for all pupils, including English learners. (Priority 2)

Course access: pupil enrollment in a broad course of study that includes all of the subject areas described in Education Code section 51210 and subdivisions (a) to (i), inclusive, of Section 51220, as applicable. (Priority 7)

Expelled pupils (for county offices of education only): coordination of instruction of expelled pupils pursuant to Education Code section 48926. (Priority 9)

Foster youth (for county offices of education only): coordination of services, including working with the county child welfare agency to share information, responding to the needs of the juvenile court system, and ensuring transfer of health and education records. (Priority 10)

B. Pupil Outcomes:

Pupil achievement: performance on standardized tests, score on Academic Performance Index, share of pupils that are college and career ready, share of English learners that become English proficient, English learner reclassification rate, share of pupils that pass Advanced Placement exams with 3 or higher, share of pupils determined prepared for college by the Early Assessment Program. (Priority 4)

Other pupil outcomes: pupil outcomes in the subject areas described in Education Code section 51210 and subdivisions (a) to (i), inclusive, of Education Code section 51220, as applicable. (Priority 8)

- 4) What changes, if any, were made in the LCAP prior to adoption as a result of written comments or other feedback received by the LEA through any of the LEA's engagement processes?
- 5) What specific actions were taken to meet statutory requirements for stakeholder engagement pursuant to Education Code sections 52062, 52068, and 47606.5, including engagement with representative parents of pupils identified in Education Code section 42238.01?
- 6) In the annual update, how has the involvement of these stakeholders supported improved outcomes for pupils related to the state priorities?

Involvement Process	Impact on LCAP
<p>Stakeholders were involved in developing, reviewing, and supporting implementation of the plan through regular collaboration which takes place in weekly administrative meetings, monthly Leadership meetings, monthly staff meetings, monthly Governing Board meetings, and monthly parent meetings. The school's efforts began in Fall, 2013 with staff and governing board training. Involvement spread out from there to parents, students, and community members.</p> <p>Data related to the eight state priorities was collected from the AERIES student information system, Personalized Learning Plans, resource management data, facility inspection and maintenance records, staff collaboration and feedback, and parent/student interviews.</p> <p>The school just completed its first year of operation, so data is limited.</p> <p>Community Montessori Charter School has 8 English Learners (.02%), 34 Low Income (10%), and 1 Foster Youth (.01%).</p>	<p>After all data was collected, School administration identified common recurring themes which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased understanding of Montessori principles and integration with CCSS • Increased access to and training in technology • Continued freedom of choice and focus on learning styles • Increased focus on written and oral communication • Training in customizing learning plans to meet student and family needs • Parent education on Common Core, Montessori philosophy, and personalized learning • Continued focus on connecting with community for real-world learning and other educational resources • Increase marketing efforts to raise awareness of program to potential partners, sponsors, and students who would benefit from a personalized learning environment. • Increased training in positive discipline and managing mixed ages in a collaborative rather than competitive environment

Section 2: Goals and Progress Indicators

For school districts, Education Code sections 52060 and 52061, for county offices of education, Education Code sections 52066 and 52067, and for charter schools, Education Code section 47606.5 require(s) the LCAP to include a description of the annual goals, for all pupils and each subgroup of pupils, for each state priority and any local priorities and require the annual update to include a review of progress towards the goals and describe any changes to the goals.

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 authorizer 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 sites and specific subgroups, including pupils with disabilities, both at the LEA level and, where applicable, at the school site level. To facilitate alignment between the LCAP and school plans, the LCAP shall identify and incorporate school-specific goals related to the state and local priorities from the school plans submitted pursuant to Education Code section 64001. Furthermore, the LCAP should be shared with, and input requested from, school site-level advisory groups (e.g., school site councils, English Learner Advisory Councils, pupil advisory groups, etc.) to facilitate alignment between school-site and district-level goals and actions. An LEA may incorporate or reference actions described in other plans that are being undertaken to meet the goal.

Guiding Questions:

- 1) What are the LEA's goal(s) to address state priorities related to "Conditions of Learning"?
- 2) What are the LEA's goal(s) to address state priorities related to "Pupil Outcomes"?
- 3) What are the LEA's goal(s) to address state priorities related to "Engagement" (e.g., pupil and parent)?
- 4) What are the LEA's goal(s) to address locally-identified priorities?
- 5) How have the unique needs of individual school sites been evaluated to inform the development of meaningful district and/or individual school site goals (e.g., input from site level advisory groups, staff, parents, community, pupils; review of school level plans; in-depth school level data analysis, etc.)?
- 6) What are the unique goals for subgroups as defined in Education Code sections 42238.01 and 52052 that are different from the LEA's goals for all pupils?
- 7) What are the specific predicted outcomes/metrics/noticeable changes associated with each of the goals annually and over the term of the LCAP?
- 8) What information (e.g., quantitative and qualitative data/metrics) was considered/reviewed to develop goals to address each state or local priority and/or to review progress toward goals in the annual update?
- 9) What information was considered/reviewed for individual school sites?

10) What information was considered/reviewed for subgroups identified in Education Code section 52052?

11) In the annual update, what changes/progress have been realized and how do these compare to changes/progress predicted? What modifications are being made to the LCAP as a result of this comparison?

Identified Need and Metric (What needs have been identified and what metrics are used to measure progress?)	Goals			Annual Update: Analysis of Progress	What will be different/improved for students? (based on identified metric)			Related State and Local Priorities (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.)
	Description of Goal	Applicable Pupil Subgroups (Identify applicable subgroups (as defined in EC 52052) or indicate "all" for all pupils.)	School(s) Affected (Indicate "all" if the goal applies to all schools in the LEA, or alternatively, all high schools, for example.)		LCAP YEAR Year 1: 2014-15	Year 2: 2015-16	Year 3: 2016-17	
<p>Need: Increased parent education</p> <p>Metric: Teacher feedback; parent surveys</p>	<p>Improve parent awareness and skills related to CCSS, Montessori philosophy, and personalized learning.</p>				<p>50% of parents will be proficient in CCSS and Montessori integration</p>	<p>75% of parents will be proficient in CCSS and Montessori integration</p>	<p>95% of parents will be proficient in CCSS and Montessori integration</p>	<p>Student engagement, student outcomes, parental involvement, CCSS implementation, Basic Services, School Climate, Student Achievement</p>
<p>Need: Regular participation by all parents</p>	<p>Reduce number of students enrolled who are not</p>				<p>80% of students enrolled will complete all</p>	<p>90% of students enrolled will complete all</p>	<p>98% of students enrolled will complete all</p>	<p>Student engagement, student outcomes,</p>

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in daily oversight of student education Metric: Teacher records and observation; parent surveys; home assignment completion rates	completing assignments				assignments each learning period	assignments each learning period	assignments each learning period	parental involvement, CCSS implementation, Basic Services, School Climate, Student Achievement
Need: Stronger community connections Metric: Field Experience calendars; donation lists	Increase number of businesses who partner with school to mentor students, fund activities, or provide real-	All	All		Double current number of partners 50% of students	Add another ten 75% of students	Add another ten 85% of students	Student engagement, student outcomes, parental involvement, CCSS implementation, Basic Services,

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<p>world experiences; increase number of students who engage in community learning opportunities</p> <p>Staff will have access to catalog of recommended online resources and be trained in best practices. Number of computers, tablets, available applications, and bandwidth will be</p>								School Climate, Student Achievement
<p>Need: Increased access to and training in technology</p> <p>Metric: Survey, observation</p>					Project 75% complete	Project 90% complete	Project 100% complete	Student engagement, student outcomes, parental involvement, CCSS implementation, Basic Services, School Climate, Student Achievement

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	increased.				65%	85%	95%	Student engagement, student outcomes, parental involvement, CCSS implementation, Basic Services, School Climate, Student Achievement

Section 3: Actions, Services, and Expenditures

For school districts, Education Code sections 52060 and 52061, for county offices of education, Education Code sections 52066 and 52067, and for charter schools, Education Code section 47606.5 require the LCAP to include a description of the specific actions an LEA will take to meet the goals identified. Additionally Education Code section 52604 requires a listing and description of the expenditures required to implement the specific actions.

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., Ethnic subgroups and pupils with disabilities)? List and describe expenditures for each fiscal year implementing these actions, including where these expenditures can be found in the LEA's budget.

Goal (Include and identify all goals from Section 2)	Related State and Local Priorities (from Section 2)	Actions and Services	Level of Service (Indicate if school-wide or LEA-wide)	Annual Update: Review of actions/services	What actions are performed or services provided in each year (and are projected to be provided in years 2 and 3)? What are the anticipated expenditures for each action (including funding source)?		
					LCAP YEAR Year 1: 2014-15	Year 2: 2015-16	Year 3: 2016-17
Improve parent awareness and skills related to CCSS, Montessori philosophy, and personalized learning.	Student engagement, student outcomes, parental involvement, CCSS implementation, Basic Services, School Climate, Student Achievement	Conduct monthly regional and online workshops for parents.	School-wide		Printing expenses: \$1500 Salary expenses: \$25,000 Technology: \$7500	Printing expenses: \$1500 Salary expenses: \$25,000 Technology: \$5500	Printing expenses: \$1500 Salary expenses: \$25,000 Technology: \$5500
Reduce number of students who are not completing home assignments	Student engagement, student outcomes, parental involvement, CCSS implementation, Basic Services, School Climate, Student	Provide weekly, or more, check-ins with students and parents who are at-risk of not carrying out assignments.	School-wide		N/A		

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					LCAP YEAR Year 1: 2014-15	Year 2: 2015-16	Year 3: 2016-17
	Achievement						
Increase number of businesses who partner with school to mentor students, fund activities, or provide real-world experiences; increase number of students who engage in community learning	Student engagement, student outcomes, parental involvement, CCSS implementation, Basic Services, School Climate, Student Achievement	Increase marketing efforts to raise awareness of program to potential partners, sponsors, and students who would benefit from a personalized learning environment. Increase public relations activities and participation	School-wide		Use marketing resources not previously tried (\$12,000) Become members of more networking communities. (\$1,000)	Continue with marketing resources which provide good rate of return (\$10,000) Continue membership with communities who support Element vision. (\$1,000)	Continue with marketing resources which provide good rate of return (\$5,000) Continue membership with communities who support Element vision. (\$1,000)
Staff will have access to catalog of recommended online resources and be trained in best practices. Number of computers,	Student engagement, student outcomes, parental involvement, CCSS implementation, Basic Services, School Climate,	Create online research tool of recommended curriculum to assist teachers with selection of appropriate online tools to aide students in working on	School-wide		Stipend for development: \$25,000 Purchase of resources: \$10,000	Purchase of resources: \$10,000	Purchase of resources: \$10,000

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					LCAP YEAR Year 1: 2014-15	Year 2: 2015-16	Year 3: 2016-17
tablets, applications, and bandwidth will be increased.	Student Achievement	specific areas for growth (i.e. typing, spelling, division, etc.)					

B. Identify additional annual actions, and the LEA may include any services that support these actions, above what is provided for all pupils that will serve low-income, English learner, and/or foster youth pupils as defined in Education Code section 42238.01 and pupils redesignated as fluent English proficient. The identified actions must include, but are not limited to, those actions that are to be performed to meet the targeted goals described in Section 2 for low-income pupils, English learners, foster youth and/or pupils redesignated as fluent English proficient (e.g., not listed in Table 3A above). List and describe expenditures for each fiscal year implementing these actions, including where those expenditures can be found in the LEA's budget.

Goal (Include and identify all goals from Section 2, if applicable)	Related State and Local Priorities (from Section 2)	Actions and Services	Level of Service (Indicate if school-wide or LEA-wide)	Annual Update: Review of actions/services	What actions are performed or services provided in each year (and are projected to be provided in years 2 and 3)? What are the anticipated expenditures for each action (including funding source)?		
					LCAP YEAR Year 1: 20XX-XX	Year 2: 20XX-XX	Year 3: 20XX-XX
		For low income pupils:					
		For English learners:					
		For foster youth:					
		For redesignated fluent English proficient pupils:					

C. Describe the LEA's increase in funds in the LCAP year calculated on the basis of the number and concentration of low income, foster youth, and English learner pupils as determined pursuant to 5 CCR 15496(a)(5). Describe how the LEA is expending these funds in the LCAP year. Include a description of, and justification for, the use of any funds in a districtwide, schoolwide, countywide, or charterwide manner as specified in 5 CCR 15496. For school districts with below 55 percent of enrollment of unduplicated pupils in the district or below 40 percent of enrollment of unduplicated pupils at a school site in the LCAP year, when using supplemental and concentration funds in a districtwide or schoolwide manner, the school district must additionally describe how the services provided are the most effective use of funds to meet the district's goals for unduplicated pupils in the state priority areas. (See 5 CCR 15496(b) for guidance.)

N/A

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 CCR 15496(a)(7). Identify the percentage by which services for unduplicated pupils must be increased or improved as compared to the services provided to all pupils in the LCAP year as calculated pursuant to 5 CCR 15496(a). An LEA shall describe how the proportionality percentage is met using a quantitative and/or qualitative description of the increased and/or improved services for unduplicated pupils as compared to the services provided to all pupils.

N/A

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 42238.07 and 52064, Education Code. Reference: Sections 2574, 2575, 42238.01, 42238.02, 42238.03, 42238.07, 47605, 47605.5, 47606.5, 48926, 52052, 52060-52077, and 64001, Education Code; 20 U.S.C. Section 6312.

