



FALL RIVER JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Fall River Joint Unified School District parents and guardians,

The new funding formula for California schools, the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), is greatly changing the way our schools are being financed. The concept of "Local Control," essentially giving our schools control of how our state's allocation should be spent, also has strict accountability measures which allot additional funds to students who statistically show the greatest need. The goal of the LCFF is to insure *all* students are making adequate progress.

Each school district is required to develop a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) to make sure all students' needs are being met. The California Department of Education mandates that each district addresses eight areas of state priority, which includes Basic Services, Implementation of Common Core Standards, Parental Involvement, Student Achievement, Student Engagement, School Climate, Course Access, and Other Student Outcomes. School-wide data, primarily gathered from each school's School Accountability Report Card (SARC), will be used to determine which goals are of highest priority.

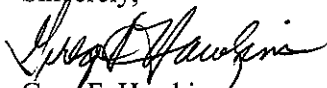
An important part of our district's LCAP is the input gathered from our school stakeholders, including teachers, administrators, other school personnel, bargaining units, and students. Equally essential is input and involvement from parents, particularly from our English Learner, Foster Youth, and Low Income (students who qualify for the free or reduced lunch program) subgroups. Our district has had one initial meeting to simply "explain the process" and we had a great group of parents who represented these subgroups. If you have an interest in contributing, please notify your child's school or the District Office.

On January 16th, the California State Department of Education agreed to the template that each district will use to begin building their LCAP. After the LCAP is drafted, there will be an opportunity for public input, where our communities will have the chance to present comments and additional concerns they may have. After further consideration, we will finalize our LCAP. We will then hold a Public Hearing for approval, most likely at our regular Board Meeting in May. From here, it will be sent to the County Office for approval. This is an important step since our district's financial budget will not be accepted until the County Office approves our LCAP.

As always, we appreciate the interest our parents show in support of our schools..

For additional information on the LCAP process, please view the Shasta County Office of Education's web page and look under *Programs* and *Services*.

Sincerely,


Greg F. Hawkins
Superintendent