
Recent events

April 18, 2013, Roza Do, from the UC Berkeley Center for Cities and Schools, outlined the progress of the West Contra Costa School District Full Service Community Schools planning. The report analyzed the assets and opportunities within the Richmond and San Pablo communities. It was a great reference of our timeline to date.



West Contra Costa Community Schools Retreat Review

On June 12, 2013, a West Contra Costa County Community Schools Planning Retreat was hosted by Tashaka Merriweather to share and review the progress of the planning steps of the Community Schools initiative. In attendance were a vast variety of stakeholders from community partners and agencies, elementary, middle school and high school principals. School board members Ms. Merriweather and Mr. Enos were also present as well as San Pablo mayor Ms. Calloway. Mr. Myrick, Richmond City Council member could not make it to the event, but is in great support of this initiative. As a result of the event, the district in positive and constructive expression has prioritized clear goals. There is an emphasis on focusing on the pilot “families”, RHS & JFK, and sites Chavez and Peres, to create a great impact before involving and expanding the movement. Partners also discussed the need to clarify type of information required to gather from each agency.



There is a significant request for a method of updating all families, stakeholders and our community about the progress of the planning taking place. Specific short-term goals, intermediate, and long-term goals have been highlighted:

Short Term Goals (6-12 months)

- Active messaging to families; understanding their needs expectations and engagement
- Completed strategy by district: plan in order, timeline
- Build partnerships, networking: all participants are in contact
- Data management, logistics

Intermediate Goals (1-5 Years)

- Clear leadership; staffing structure
- Funding established
- Centralize data collection
- District communicates updates within departments
- Assess annual needs and track outcome of 2 pilot schools
- Mutual community understanding

Long Term Goals (10+ Years)

- Successful implementation, efficient model
- Engaged families and committed community
- Financial stability, prioritized as needed in the community
- Full time funded coordinator at each site/ director within district

Next Steps

Create a roadmap of the projected goals, with a clear data inventory organized by available resources to each school. Educating and engaging district staff and community members while implementing effective communication will be key.

