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EXECUTIVE LIMITATION 16 - EQUITY

We believe that each student has the potential to achieve, and it is our responsibility to give all students the opportunity and support needed to meet their highest capability in a safe and welcoming environment. We acknowledge that systemic and institutional inequities and bias exist within our school system, creating barriers for student achievement and well-being. We are committed to raising the achievement of all learners and to provide a supportive culture by eliminating these barriers, including the predictability and disproportionality of the highest and lowest achieving groups based on race, status, varied ability, mental health, English language fluency, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, trauma impact, and geography.

The Superintendent shall not fail to ensure an environment and culture that values and respects the diversity of its students and staff, addressing factors affecting student achievement and well-being.

Accordingly, the Superintendent may not fail to:

1. Promote an environment and culture that is committed to every student having the opportunity to reach their full potential through educational equity. The Superintendent shall:
 - a. Recognize the existence of systemic and institutional inequities for students
 - b. Actively encourage, support and expect high academic achievement for students from all racial groups and other identified subgroups.
 - c. Provide equitable access and academic support throughout our educational system.
 - d. Provide curriculum that prioritizes diverse viewpoints and cultural relevance.
 - e. Provide professional development and engagement opportunities to inform and practice cultural competence, and increase awareness of personal and systemic bias and inequities in teaching, counseling, advising, and coaching practices, discipline, and staff – student interactions.
 - f. Provide equitable access and an inclusive, welcoming environment to school activities, clubs, and sports.
2. Collect, disaggregate, analyze, and utilize data to identify inequities, develop and implement strategies, and allocate resources to eliminate those inequities, and establish and sustain equity-based accountability systems across the district.
3. Promote an environment and culture that supports engagement of all families, including those from diverse backgrounds.
4. Develop and implement strategies for effective partnerships between home and school, inviting diverse perspectives on district initiatives, practices, and school climate.
5. Promote hiring practices to attract a diverse workforce.
6. Promote a workplace environment and culture that supports retaining a diverse workforce.