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Dear Parent Advisory Committee,

Thank you for your input and involvement in the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) process. Several areas of interest were discussed in detail.

Superintendent

Dr. Ziggy Robeson

1. Musical Instruments and Repairs

Concerns include instruments for students who cannot afford them and repairs for existing inventory. We make every effort to assist as needed when students are unable to provide an instrument. Communication is another concern. The elementary band teacher will be sending home weekly "Band Notes" with updates for students and parents. She is looking forward to placing an article in the monthly newsletters at each school site.

2. Replacement Technology, Repairs, Infrastructure, and IT Personnel

Technology is an ongoing area of focus. Our IT team is currently updating inventory and developing a plan for replacing equipment. Presently there is a plan in place for repairs of equipment but more funding could be utilized if other resources were made available. There is an allocation in Action Plan 1.4 in the LCAP for technology that may need to be amended.

3. Science Curriculum

LCAP Action Plan 1.3 has \$10,000 set aside to support science. We are currently teaching the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and are awaiting curriculum to be adopted by the State of California, and then the district will have access to review and consider adopting. High school teachers worked over the summer to create units appropriate for NGSS, and elementary teachers are working with a free online curriculum, njctl.org. The funds have been used to provide supplies needed to teach the curriculum. We look forward to purchasing new NGSS curriculum when the state adopts the curriculum, however this may be more than a year from now.

4. Career Counselor

Last year, money was allocated to increase the per student counseling ratio at Ripon High School and an additional counselor was added at Ripon High School. The school also received a \$75,000 grant for college and career readiness. These funds are used for staff development, instructional materials, and student activities. Over the course of the last two years, there has been a strong focus and increased usage of Naviance. Naviance is an American college and career readiness software provider that partners with high schools and other K-12 institutions to provide students with college planning and career assessment tools.

5. Growth and Classrooms at Ripon High School

At this time, Ripon Unified has not seen as much student enrollment growth as expected. There are needs at Ripon High School that will be addressed through providing thoughtful course offerings and sufficient scheduling. If new facility needs became apparent it would be necessary to seek the passage of a bond from the community to support this financial demand.

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6. Social Media and Internet Safety

Ripon High students have created a program about social media and Internet safety. They will be taking their project and presenting at an elementary assembly. Assuming program success, the assembly can be offered at all schools. In addition, we have plans for further course development with our School Resource Officer.

7. Additional Staff: Teachers, Custodians, Administration (RHS)

Presently we have adequate staffing for our current student enrollment figure. The assigned number of Certificated, Classified, and Administrative staff are based upon percentages of the current student enrollment number. Over the last three years elementary teacher positions have increased as we have been adding teachers to reduce the number of remaining singleton classes.

8. Bathrooms at Ripon Elementary, Colony Oak, Ripona, and the pool area at Ripon High School

Significant improvements to the bathrooms at Ripona and Ripon Elementary; including LED lights, new partitions, toilets, mirrors, paint, lighting, fan repairs, and tile renovation have been completed. At Ripon High School, the pool area has received the installation of new lockers, tile renovation, repair and replacement of partitions and mirrors. In the next two weeks, the pool re-plastering process will be finished. We are excited about having essentially a new pool for the RUSD students and Ripon community. Colony Oak is in the initial phase of modernization. As part of this rebuild, they will be receiving new bathrooms, as well as new classrooms with additional lab spaces.

I appreciate your concern and commitment to our students, schools, and district. Should you have any further questions please feel free to call 209-599-2131.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ziggy Robeson
Superintendent