

2018-2019 Suspension concerns for Bert Corona Middle School

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To: Ruben, me, mkeipp@oid.ucla.edu

Dear Ruben Duenas,

The Charter Schools Division (CSD) wants to take this opportunity to highlight for you Bert Corona Middle School's student suspension information. We are notifying you out of concern that based on 2018-2019 end-of-year data (through June 30, 2019), Bert Corona Middle's schoolwide suspension rate is 6.3%, inclusive of 38 in-school suspensions and 10 out-of-school suspensions.

The District recognizes the importance of reducing student suspensions given that evidence suggests suspensions are not always an effective means neither for reducing or eliminating misconduct, nor for ensuring that schools provide a positive school climate. We note that the school has decreased the suspension rate from 2017-2018 from 10.9% to 2018-2019, a 4.6 percentage point decrease. However, we ask for you to review these findings with team members to help to continue to decrease the school-wide suspension rate to under the 5% threshold.

In order to ensure that Bert Corona Middle's student discipline policies are being implemented in a manner to maximize student engagement opportunities and promote a safe and positive school climate, the CSD requests that you provide a written response addressing your understanding of what has attributed to these data outcomes and the school leadership's plan to address these concerns. Please send this information on or before **Friday, February 7, 2020**.

To assist, please refer to the following resources:

1. LAUSD's Discipline Foundation Policy
2. The School Discipline Policy and School Climate Bill of Rights board resolution
3. LAUSD Charter Schools Division Suspension and Expulsion Tiered Intervention Plan

You may also want to consider attending a training offered by the District's Charter Operated Programs (COP) on the topic of discipline and alternatives to suspension. For more information about COP's professional development

offerings, please contact 213-241-5430 or
www.charteroperatedprograms@lausd.net.

We look forward to your response and your ongoing efforts for students! If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this email, please do not hesitate to contact me at (213) 241-8626 or via email.

Best regards,

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