

Report Agenda Item: Director's Report

Position: Director of Special Education

School Site: MORCS/BCCHS/BCCS

Purpose: For Board Information

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Background:

Monsenor Oscar Romero Charter School Students with IEPs comprise nearly over 10% of the school population

Bert Corona Charter High School Students with IEPs comprise nearly 25% of the school population

Bert Corona Charter School Students with IEPs comprise over 20% of the school population

Special education was always a hot topic during what we knew as "normal times." Covid-19, and the subsequent school closures, has not removed the spotlight away from special education. However, we are in very uncertain times, and uncharted territory.

Our Special Education teams on each campus are working diligently to provide support and services to meet the needs of our most vulnerable students. They are working along side general education teachers to provide support in the general

education setting, virtually of course. SPED teachers are also meeting with students in small groups and making themselves available for "office hours" and drop-ins.

We are now in the process of planning to bring students to campus for assessments and small group sessions. Since there is no exception to the law to provide timely assessments/evaluations, this is the priority.

Next Steps:

- Ensure classrooms are set up for success
- Ensure all PPE is available and in use
- Ensure service providers are informed and given advance notice of DPH clearance
- Students and staff have documented negative COVID-19 test results
- Identify cohort list of students requiring assessments
- Identify cohort list of students requiring small group instruction/support
- Stay in compliance with LAUSD's guidance
- Ensure adequate plans are in place to monitor for safety protocols.