



Date: September 24, 2018

To: Navigator Schools Board of Directors

From: Kirsten Carr

Re: Goals & Priorities Update

Below is an update of the Engagement & Partnerships efforts to assist Navigator Schools with its various goals & objectives as well as achieving departmental goals.

1. Growth - Watsonville Prep School (see separate report)
2. Development
  - a. Public Charter Schools Grant Program (PCSGP) - Since August, Navigator has submitted two PCSGP grant applications
    - i. Hollister Prep School expansion
    - ii. Watsonville Prep start up
  - b. After conversations with the New School Venture Fund, Navigator Schools committed a proposal to be a Model Provider for New Schools. The proposal focused on Navigator's centers model and leadership development.
3. Engagement
  - a. 9/14/18 Engagement Update to staff is attached.
  - b. In cooperation with Melissa Alatorre Alnas, Crystal Toriumi, Debbie Benitez, and Andi Hernandez, have developed & presented first steps of Navigator's communication culture professional development. This year-long program works to strengthen Navigator staff culture through establishing trust and creating safe spaces for essential communication.
  - c. Working with site leaderships to create staff engagement surveys using tools from New Teacher Project, SEL resources, LCAP questions, and internal growth metrics.
4. Priorities
  - a. Working with Kevin Sved, Academic Leadership Team, and Sean Martin to prepare for the Achievement First Critical Friends visit October 23-24

## ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

9/14/18

### Tour Season is Upon Us

As veteran Navis know, we often receive interest from other educators and organizations looking to learn from our best practices. We enter these tours on the site staff calendars but I will also try to use these bi-weekly updates to keep you informed of upcoming tours. Thank you, in advance, for always being so open and welcoming to our tour participants.

#### Upcoming tours:

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Calaveras School - HPS

County Supervisor Robert Rivas – GPS

September 24<sup>th</sup> – Adrian Breckel – Teach for America – GPS

September 27 - Healdsburg Unified School District – HPS

WPS – the countdown to state! Many of you have asked how you can be involved in the next steps to opening WPS and we really appreciate your support! We will be holding WPS update meetings early next month and will be sure to let you know the details. Thank you all for your continued support.

Alumni Outreach – while it is hard to believe our first graduating class are now 9<sup>th</sup> graders, ready to tackle the world, it is true! Several of our Gators come back often to let us know how it is going and what they wish they had known or miss. We are working on a more formal alumni outreach activities so be sure to check back for opportunities to get involved.

