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To: Navigator Schools Board of Directors

From: Kirsten Carr

Re: Engagement & Partnerships Update

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

1. Growth & Engagement
 - a. Watsonville Prep School (see separate report)
 - b. Working with both sites on recruitment activities for the 2019 lottery. As this is our first year with the new priority including Free & Reduced lunch recipients, we are reviewing opportunities for a more deliberate outreach program.
2. Strengthen Parent & Student Engagement
 - a. In conjunction with the Student Services Department, Navigator Schools organized a Thanksgiving food drive for Navigator families. With only the support of Navigator employees, 30 Navigator families received the fixings for a full Thanksgiving meal. Preparations are underway for a Christmas program as well.
 - b. To maintain relationships with our Navi graduates, we collected contact information from our 8th graders at the end of last year and invited our 1st class of alumni to attend and volunteer at the Harvest Fair at GPS in October. The creation of the group message connected some of the alumni to one another and reminded them they have an entire campus of people available to support them.
 - c. With the Director of Student Services, attended the National Association to Educate Homeless Children & Youth Conference in late October. Received valuable resources and insight into services we should be offering to our families and students.
3. Maintain Culture of Excellence
 - a. Using questions from the New Teacher Project and SEL resources, revised family engagement and staff satisfaction surveys will be distributed in the next week. Results from these surveys will be evaluated and action steps taken to address areas of need. Since the questions are being asked for the first time, we will also use these results as baseline data.
4. External Services Support
 - a. To assist in the sharing of best practices and learning opportunities with other schools & organizations, Navigator Schools has hosted the following tours in the past few months.
 - i. Gilroy Unified School District
 - ii. Charter School Growth Fund
 - iii. Grimmway Academy
 - iv. ACE - University of Notre Dame
 - v. AF Critical Friends visit
 - vi. CityBridge Education
 - vii. Emerson Collective

- b. As part of the Educational Leadership Team, staff applied for and received a pilot-program grant from New Schools Venture Fund to create a method to share best practices and implement Navigator educational programming into non-Navigator classrooms (both in traditional public classrooms and charter classrooms).