Good morning PAC members and members of the PCSS. Thank you all for coming here today.

It has been my privilege to serve on the Early Childhood Education and Parent Engagement Committee and I have had several meetings with PCSS. I've also had several conversations with your Board both as a group and as individuals. I am very proud to be serving alongside each and every one of them.

Our Board has a great mix this year of people who have been serving since before there was a PAC and others who are brand new to this process. It is a very strong Board, but this group of individuals is only as strong as our delegates. The reason why is because at the end of the day we represent and serve you.

As such I have told PCSS that I had two items that I wanted to bring up today. The first item is a new work group that Evelyn Aleman is going to be leading. The name of the group is the Public Relations Parent Ambassadors working group. The objective of the Parent Ambassadors will be to inform the public about the PAC and its work to ensure that LCFF dollars are utilized to support the needs of target student populations as prescribed by the State of California.

Goal:

- Increase awareness about the PAC
- Increase PAC voice in the community
- Inform the community about LAUSD programs, initiatives, student educational outcomes and more
- Will select only two representatives (English and Spanish speaker) from each district to speak at LCFF forums and events coordinated by the LAUSD PCSS division

The second item is a survey that you'll see in your packet. It is very important to me that I understand what questions and concerns you the delegates have regarding the Local Control Accountability Plan.

Before I wrap up my Chairperson's report I thought it was very important to go over the PAC's mission statement. I feel very strongly that it is something that should be guiding us throughout this year moving forward:

The Parent Advisory Committee's (PAC) mission is to provide an authentic parent voice through engaging in review and generating advice and comment to the LAUSD Board of Education and Superintendent, to ensure that the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LAUSD LCAP) reflects the input of District parents, a key stakeholder group.

What this means is that we will be spending two 8 hour long days in April reviewing all aspects of the LCAP and ultimately providing our comments to the Board of Education in May. There is a lot of information to cover and PCSS has recommended that we add two additional meetings to our schedule this year. One would be on a Saturday on February 25th and the second would be a week day in March. These meeting would not be mandatory and you would not be penalized for not being able to make these meetings, but I highly encourage you to attend if you can so that you can provide the most meaningful comments possible in April.