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NEW ARTICLE: OPTIONS PROGRAMS/SCHOOLS

For the purpose of this article, Education Options Settings/Programs/School are defined as alternative learning options that are not traditional learning settings or virtual academies.

1.0 In support of students receiving instruction in an Educational Options setting, the District and UTLA will work collaboratively as an Advisory to establish best practices in support of students served within Educational Options programs. The Advisory will be comprised of an equal number of members up to five (5) members each appointed by the District and UTLA. The Taskforce will meet a minimum of four times per year with the intent of providing targeted support and resources, the District and UTLA agree to engage in the following activities:

a. Research programs and/or surrounding school districts providing services to students served in an alternative/Educational Options setting.

b. Survey students, staff, and families to assess needed supports for student achievement including academic and social-emotional learning, targeted interventions, mentoring, and community resources.

c. Review and summarize findings and provide recommendations for review and consideration by senior leadership. Recommendations may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Partnerships with community organizations to support students with academic, social-emotional, basic care needs, and childcare, if applicable.

2. Programs/agencies for career development and post-secondary education.

3. Methods for the use of available resources at local school-sites and within regions, including activities and events to assist students and families with pertinent information.

2.0 Due to the nature of the students enrolled in such programs, there will be no loss of staff due to attrition at any Educational Option Settings/Programs or Schools.

3.0 Students enrolled in Educational Options Settings will be encouraged and allowed to bring their child(ren) to campus. The District will provide appropriate transportation.

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4.0 The district will provide one (1) PSA and one (1) PSW per local region to support the schools and programs named in this article.

5.0 The District will provide up to \$30,000 in additional funding for necessary childcare items, including but is not limited to baby formula, diapers and/or other basic necessities to options sites that serve parenting students. The District will, through their partnerships, provide funding at each school for the support with basic care needs as well as academic and social emotional resources available through the District and/or community organizations.

a. Support in alignment with District policy to make up assignments or refer to virtual and/or independent study programs when unable to attend an in person Educational Options setting.

6.0 Students enrolled Educational Options Settings will be able to attend school virtually on days their child(ren) is sick or unable to travel with the parent. Students enrolled in an Educational Options setting will be provided with the following resources/supports as needed.

b. Support with enrollment at a local Early Education program to assist with early education instruction and child care.

c. Support in alignment with District policy to make up assignments or refer to virtual and/or independent study programs when unable to attend an in person Educational Options setting.