

DAVID LUBIN ELEMENTARY

PARENT TEACHER GROUP

October 19, 2021

Jorge Aguilar
Superintendent
Sacramento City Unified School District

Subject: Equitable Distribution of Title 1 Funding within SCUSD

Dear Mr. Aguilar,

We would like to thank you for the work you do to serve the students of the Sacramento City Unified School District (the District) and David Lubin Elementary, where our students attend school. We would also like to commend the David Lubin staff for their continuous work on behalf of our students and for modeling daily the District's core value to "**confront and interrupt inequities** that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness".

It has come to our attention that our students, as well as other students throughout the District, continue to miss out on Title 1 funds that they generate for the District. Our school and Parent Teacher Group is committed to making every effort to ensure our students receive the Title 1 funding to which they are entitled. This is demonstrated by the fact that **our school has a completion rate of 86% for the Local Control Funding Form (LCFF) application** this year.

Below are some specific examples of how the current "all or nothing" approach to distributing Title 1 funding directly and negatively impacts our students and furthers the growing inequality in our community.

- Of our 530 students (as measured by our 2019-20 CBEDS count), 257, or 48%, were eligible for Free or Reduced (F/R) meals. This means David Lubin was 8 students short of qualifying for Title I funds for the 2020-21 school year.
- As a result of our District's 50% 'all or nothing' qualification criteria, David Lubin qualified for zero dollars for the 2020-21 school year, as opposed to \$59,622 (per calculations provided by our school staff) of the Title I monies generated by those students had been allocated to our school.
- David Lubin students generate Title I funds for the District, but receive none of the services provided by those funds.
- The 257 qualifying students at David Lubin is a larger total than the number of qualifying students at 10 schools that did qualify for Title I funds.
- During the last five years, Matsuyama Elementary, Sutter Middle, and David Lubin Elementary are the only District schools whose 2019-20 F/R student population has fallen between 40% and 53% and thus, these schools are disproportionately impacted by the application of the district's 50% qualification criteria"

While we are also concerned about additional inequities created by the current data collection process, we would like to focus our advocacy toward ensuring that the students who generate the Title 1 funds for the District receive the benefit of those funds.



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We ask you to support students and families in the District, as well as at David Lubin Elementary, by ensuring equitable distribution of Title 1 funding to the students that earn the funding for the District.

Thank you for the work you do to serve our students and our community.

Sincerely,

David Lubin Parent Teacher Group Board Members




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