

# Superintendent's Update

## Kindness, Service, and Inclusion

Board of Education Meeting

January 18, 2022

Meeting No. 13



*Excelling Together with Endless Pathways for Success!*

# COLLEGE, CAREER, LIFE READY GRADUATES

## ACADEMIC RIGOR

- High Expectations
- Pathways, Choices & Personalization
- Cultural Competence



## SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Inclusion
- Mental & Physical Wellness
- Sense of Belonging

# BOARD OF EDUCATION PRIORITIES



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## Maximize Student Achievement

- Close the digital and equity gap.
- Offer robust in-person and independent study learning programs.
- Accelerate learning and improve attendance and engagement.

## Foster a Positive Culture of Learning

- Ensure equitable teaching and learning opportunities led by excellence.
- Support culturally relevant curriculum that emphasizes inclusion.
- Increase school connectedness for students, parents, and families.

## Ensure the Health and Safety of Students and Employees

- Strengthen mental health support and programs.
- Ensure best practices for safe and healthy learning environments.
- Support physical, social, and emotional wellbeing.

## Maintain District Financial Responsibility

- Ensure the fiscal health of the District.
- Implement a fiscal plan to preserve the District resources.
- Plan for the District's future educational and facility needs.

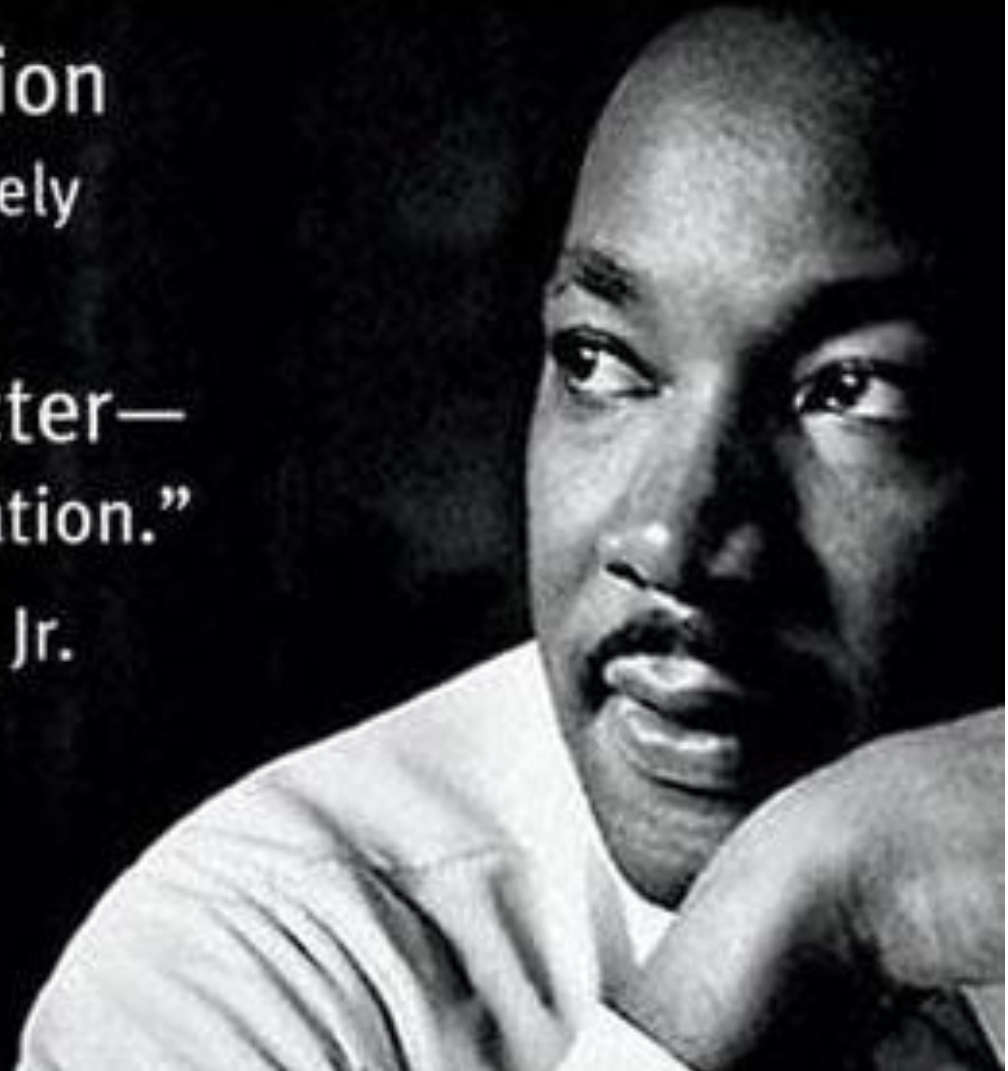
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“The function of education  
is to teach one to think intensively  
and to think critically.

Intelligence plus character—  
that is the goal of true education.”

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.







# Working Together to Build Kinder, Healthier, More Inclusive Communities

- Honoring Dr. King's legacy of action, affirmation, solidarity, and service.
- Special focus on health and wellness in our underserved communities.
- Start with our students!
  - Yellow Ribbon Week and Great Kindness Challenge
  - Student Voice Panels
  - Student-led advocacy and service



# MLK Day and Black History Month Resources

- Resources shared with teachers
  - Grade level appropriate
  - Flexible curated options for teachers using common resources
    - Books, Read-alouds, Podcasts, Videos, Lessons
    - NewsELA, Listenwise, Learning for Justice, and other resources
  - Background for teachers, celebrating contributions, history, social justice
  - Shared collaboration folder



# GUSD Kindness Campaign

- Engage with student, family, employee, and community leaders
  - Student Advisory Council
  - PTA
  - Working Group to Ensure Culturally Relevant and Responsive Education
  - American Heart Association
  - Adventist Health Glendale
  - Law enforcement partners
  - Glendale Community Services & Parks Department
- Continue to spread message of kindness and inclusion.
- Start with our 50-foot radius.
- Work together to develop a “GUSD Social Contract.”