

## El Monte Union High School District

Community Committed to College and Career

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## El Monte Union 2019-20 Spending Plan Aims to Boost Achievement for All

**EL MONTE** – The El Monte Union Board of Trustees on June 19 adopted a \$135 million <u>2019-20 budget</u> that supports its <u>Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)</u>, which calls for developing wellness centers, additional afterschool enrichment programs and implementing a new data analysis platform that will allow teachers to collaborate and modify instruction to ensure student success.

The state's new funding law, the Local Control Funding Formula, allows districts to decide how to use state dollars to meet the needs of students, particularly low-income students, Foster Youth and English Learners.

In 2019-20, the District will invest \$27.5 million in these students through programs outlined in the District's LCAP, a three-year spending plan that district guides efforts to improve student achievement and built with extensive input from parents, students, staff, teachers and stakeholders.

"Our LCAP continues to support the success of all students, providing targeted services to those who need it and boosting resources to students, parents and staff alike to ensure our classrooms and campuses are strong," Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga said. "As we continue to monitor areas of need, we are focused on boosting the academic and personal performance of all El Monte Union students."

Some ongoing programs and services that will provided District-wide and school-wide include:

- Technology/Internet access and online learning programs
- Free AP/PSAT/SAT testing, prep and materials
- Upgraded computer and science labs
- College/career counseling and college field trips
- Career Technical Education pathways and vocational education programs
- Summer school and tutoring
- Increased comprehensive student support and mental health services
- Parent workshops and trainings
- Districtwide attendance initiative
- School resource officers and campus supervision
- Ongoing professional development
- Academic language development classes, added support to ELs through paraeducators

The vision of the El Monte Union High School District is to empower and motivate our students to be resilient, college and career ready, lifelong learners and contributing members of our global society.