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Whittier Union Approves 2019-20 Spending Plan that Promotes Student Achievement

WHITTIER – In its ongoing efforts to improve student learning and achievement, Whittier Union will continue to offer an after-school credit recovery program and provide additional support classes during the school day to ensure students master the standards and content the first time they take a course to successfully meet college entrance requirements.

The student support programs are part of the District's \$171 million [2019-20 budget](#) that supports the [Local Control and Accountability Plan \(LCAP\)](#), a three-year spending plan built with extensive input from parents, students, community, teachers and staff.

For 2019-20, Whittier Union will invest \$24 million to develop programs specifically targeting its high-needs groups: economically disadvantaged students, foster youth and English learners.

“Through this plan, we are dedicated to providing programs, services and support in a global manner that will benefit all students across the District and individual schools, ensuring that they receive the gentle push that they need to succeed in school, college and professional careers,” Superintendent Martin Plourde said.

Ongoing programs and services include:

- Guided Study sections and bilingual academic mentors
- Expanded school media center hours
- Advanced Placement test fee reduction/waivers
- College field trips for English learner students and parents
- Academic/career counseling services and freshman support programs
- Credit recovery summer program in partnership with Mt. SAC
- Funding for Horizons, which provides tutoring, college field trips and parent workshops
- Student Well-Being counselors
- College and career pathways
- Parent workshops in conjunction with partner elementary school districts
- Summer professional learning and best practices
- Coordinator of curriculum and assessment and coaches
- Free childcare center and school nurses

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