Elevating Student Success: Strategic Planning: SOCUSD January 23, 2018 4:00 p.m. -

#### **Presentation Notes**

- I. Jr./Sr. High School offers distinct pathways to graduation
  - a. STEM
    - i. Makerspace: hands-on tech lab
      - 1. clarify meaning to general public in discussion
  - b. CTE
  - c. IB
- i. Middle Years
- ii. Diploma
  - 1. Could engage MVP graduates from Cottonwood
- iii. Career Related Programs
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- II. All four schools will be STEM certified and IB authorized
  - a. Elementary: PYP (3 12)
  - b. Jr. High: Middle Years Program (12-16)
  - c. Sr. High: Diploma and career related programs + CTE (16-19)
    - i. could engage MVP graduates from Cottonwood
  - d. STEM is easily embedded into IB programs
- III. Other Options
  - a. Inclusion of charter school

### **Discussion Notes**

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(How we wish to be known)

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- a. Education
  - a. Multiple pathways offered in HS
    - i. CTE
    - ii. STEM
      - 1. Makerspace \$\$\$ needed
    - iii. IB Diploma, Career Related
      - 1. Certification \$\$\$ needed
    - iv. Online school (hybrid)
  - b. Be excellent at one thing
    - i. Only 500 students
    - ii. Limited staff
    - iii. possibly a non-issue

- b. Inclusion, Cohesion, Unity
  - a. Get the charter in the district
    - i. CTE
    - ii. IB
    - iii. STEM
    - iv. Montessori (charter)
  - b. Approach Cottonwood (surrounding districts)
    - i. Verde Valley School District
  - c. Transparent communication
    - i. A way to be a part of communication
- c. Marketing
  - a. Transparency
    - i. Accurate performance measurements
      - 1. Consistent and fair comparison with other districts
- d. Fundraising/Financing
  - a. \$\$\$ from a **Foundation** 
    - i. An endowment that would pay out close to a million dollars a year to be top salary in state
    - ii. Centralized funding to use throughout district
      - 1. Cooperative
      - 2. Eliminates some of the division between schools
    - iii. PTA/Booster Clubs focused on school-specific events and projects
      - 1. Field trips
      - 2. Clubs
  - **b.** Volunteer **Volunteer Coordinator** 
    - i. Free after-school programs
    - ii. Adaptable programs
  - c. Realistic goals
- e. Recruit and retain highly effective staff
  - a. Teacher pay
  - b. Training

# Next Steps

Share with staff the following:

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Get staff input and bring the input back to next Tuesday's meeting.