



Superintendent Written Responses to the Parent Advisory Committee and District English Learner Advisory Committee

2016-2017 LCAP Questions

1. It cost money to participate in activities at my child's old (out-of-district) school? How come it doesn't cost any money for my child to participate in band and other after school activities here? (Goal 4)

- Valle Lindo School District is committed to providing students with a well-rounded free public education. No student should be denied the opportunity to participate in a program or activity due to financial hardship. Through diligent planning and intentional use of funding, we are proud to offer our students access to a broad curriculum that incorporates reading/language arts, mathematics, social science, physical education/health, and visual & performing arts. Extra and co-curricular activities are also fully funded by the district and include intramural sports, dance, band, and academic enrichment programs (Project Lead the Way, Science Olympiad, Math Field Day etc.).

2. The parent workshops on Common Core Math were very helpful, but I would still like additional resources to help my child with math homework at home. Where can I access resources to help my child with his homework? (Goal 3)

- I'm glad to hear you attended the parent workshops. We will be continuing to offer these workshops next year as well. In the meantime, you can find a list of resources to assist you in helping your child with homework on our website at <http://www.vallelindo.k12.ca.us/hwhelp>. Websites listed, such as Kahn Academy, offer practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower students to learn and to study at their own pace.

3. I noticed my student loves science and she's always talking about working on her chromebook while completing ZINGY lessons at school. What is ZINGY? Do all grade levels do ZINGY? (Goal 3)

- ZINGY is an animated computer-based science program that includes interactive online lessons and quizzes. It allows teachers and students to easily track progress and growth while learning new and exciting NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) content. Currently, all fifth through eighth grade students utilize ZINGY as part of their science coursework. The software is currently being developed for fourth grade. We are planning to implement ZINGY in fourth grade within the next two years. CST science scores from the most recent administration (2016) revealed that the district's eighth graders scored 81%. The average state-wide science score was 61%. We attribute much of this success to high student engagement while implementing ZINGY.