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To Board of Education

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Subject Castlemont and Leadership Public Schools Partnership

Action Discussion of Castlemont and Leadership Public Schools Partnership

Background Castlemont is a 9-12th grade high school in East Oakland and shares their campus with Leadership Public Schools, a charter high school that also serves students in grades 9-12. These schools have been in collaboration for the last five years around shared space, school culture, and academic programs. There is a desire to increase collaboration between the site teams in order to better serve the needs of all students on this campus and the broader Castlemont community. The teams from Castlemont and LPS also wish to partner around facilities improvements by collaborating on a potential Prop 51 proposal. There have been various stakeholder engagements to introduce the community to the potential benefits of this ongoing collaboration between Castlemont and Leadership Public Schools.

Discussion Through their ongoing collaboration, Castlemont and LPS students have benefited from access to a safer campus that reinforces restorative practices across both sites. Students have also benefited from collaboration around athletics, opportunities to explore post-secondary options via college tours, opportunities to earn college credit via dual enrollment courses, and work-based learning internships. Students have also benefited from accessing community resources provided by both sites, such as existing partnerships with Oakland Adult Education, UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital, Peralta Community College District, and Youth Together, and Youth Alive. As such, student support networks

have been strengthened, and more students now have access to the resources that will help them be successful in their post-secondary plans, be that their career or any other post-secondary degree option.

By formalizing the partnership between Castlemont and Leadership Public Schools via Prop 51, Castlemont students will have access to an Early College Center housing college classes for Castlemont and LPS students. In addition, a Prop 51 collaboration between Castlemont and Leadership Public Schools will serve as an opportunity to return the building currently occupied by LPS back to Castlemont for continued Castlemont growth. A Prop 51 partnership would also create a separate space for LPS, and thus, eliminate the need for shared classrooms on the traditional Castlemont campus. Creating a separate space for LPS would also allow for a cap on LPS enrollment for future years.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact to OUSD. Funding for any facilities work to be provided via state bond funds through Prop 51. The total allocation to not exceed \$28 million (\$14 million loan and \$14M grant for LPS) to be released after OUSD Board approval.

Attachment

[Castlemont LPS Collaboration Update May 2019](#)