

District Policy Group  
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Opening: What do you value about school?

Lead-in: Why are we here?

Resources: Learning In Deed, Restoring the Balance Between Academics and Civic Engagement, existing district policies, model policies (Los Angeles, CSBA [California School Boards Association]),

Policy should be aligned with PD program; all agree that now is the time to have a district policy; we are still not sure whether district has a community service requirement in place

The district has a whole shelf of policy binders, Laurie focused in on instructional policy; there seems to be a place to plug in CSBA BP 6142.4

What are our ideas?

All students will have a significant service learning experience at [each grade or each grade span]

Draft policy (based on CSBA)

Issue: use PBSL or SL? Put PBSL in the text but not as the title

The Governing Board recognizes that service learning helps students develop skills, career awareness and self-efficacy. Service learning experience motivates students by letting them apply what they are studying to local needs and problems, and by showing them that they can make a contribution to their community. Service learning is a standards-based teaching method that enhances academic learning and civic responsibility by integrating K-12 curriculum with service to the community.

2: The board encourages Service is a place-based endeavour, therefore community partners are a (this is where PBSL comes in, as collaboration) Service learning is a place-based endeavour, therefore the board encourages the staff to collaborate with ...

3: The district will develop a plan for implementing service learning which includes high quality service learning experiences at every grade span (K-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-12) and may also include specific courses which have a strong service learning component. The Superintendent or designee will implement a program which includes PD, etc.

Paragraph 4: LAUSD mission, Dan will generate some language, add positive youth development; add to existing, civic mission of education

5: Language about alternative service OR when student cannot participate in off-campus experience? Leave it in.

Additions to policy or actions

PD  
Model programs  
Infrastructure  
Assessment  
Green schools (not now, don't blur the line)

Whereas type language, recommend being part of the strategic planning effort;

Service learning will be a part of the strategic planning process and these elements will be considered in planning, and implemented by Superintendent and staff.