

It's Time to Hold Fresno Unified Accountable The Work For Us!



Since 2010, Fresno Building Healthy Communities leaders have been working to transform our school district for the betterment of our youth.

Now, with more money coming into Fresno Unified School District thanks to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), it's time the community hold our elected school board accountable. They work for us. The district must invest in youth with the most need. It's the law.




Education is a leading indicator of good health. When our students succeed, our communities thrive. Together, we will create #OneHealthyFresno with better schools.

What is the Local Control Funding Formula?




The Local Control Funding Formula is a new law that replaces an outdated and unfair funding system by providing more money to schools based on how many low-income, English learners, and foster youth students they serve. This means that school districts can spend money on what matters most, like closing the achievement gap by providing supportive school environments and improving services to ensure students graduate and are able to move on to college or career.

Our Recommendations:

Fresno Building Healthy Communities recommends that Fresno Unified School District move from arranged family involvement to a robust and meaningful set of structures and processes that enable family engagement in the following ways:

-  Allocate no less than 1% of Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) money to new family engagement approaches that impact student achievement and allow families to take part in their student's success;
-  Provide social-emotional supports by hiring full-time, well trained Fresno Unified staff as "Community Connectors" at every middle and high school;
-  Complete a community-driven English Learner Master Plan update and commit to review and update the plan on an annual basis to ensure all students achieve English proficiency on time.

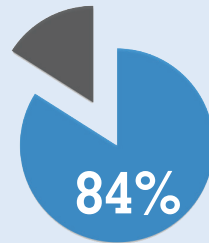
Take Action:


-  **Join Fresno Building Healthy Communities**
Become a volunteer or resident leader and talk to your neighbors about creating #OneHealthyFresno with better schools.
-  **Use Your Voice**
Contact your elected School Board Member by calling (559) 457-3727 and tell him/her that real community-input must be part of the LCFF process.
-  **Attend a Fresno Unified School Board Meeting**
Go to a scheduled Fresno Unified School Board meeting and let them know they must #InvestInYouth with the greatest needs.

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FACTS





 FUSD had 73,353 students enrolled in the 2013-2014 school year¹.


 84% of students in FUSD are considered low-income¹.

 Only 79% of FUSD seniors graduate high school¹.

 24% are considered English Learners¹.

 In 2013-14, 14% of FUSD students drop out before completing high school¹.

 Only 10% of English student learners were proficient in English by the end of the 2013-14 school year¹.

 Research has found that when schools provide varied opportunities for engagement, the school outperforms others without family engagement; teacher morale improves; and the school has a better relationship with the community².

1. Source: California Department of Education. School Accountability Report Card (SARC). <http://www.cde.ca.gov/TA/ac/sa/>
2. Source: Barnard, W.M. (2004). Parent involvement in elementary school and education attainment. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 26(1).



About Fresno Building Healthy Communities

Fresno Building Healthy Communities is a coalition of residents, community- and faith-based leaders working together to help create "One Healthy Fresno". Our work aims at transforming central, southeast and southwest Fresno by working to ensure every policy decision takes into account the health and well-being of all Fresnans.