

Update: Homework Workgroup

March 28, 2017

**Teaching and Learning
Educational Services**

Workgroup Overview

- Formed following community interest in reviewing district homework policies and practices.
- Will meet monthly beginning in April 2017 (no meetings will be held during the months of July/August) and will bring together representatives from multiple stakeholder groups.
- Meetings will continue into the 2017-18 academic school year.

Background

- Parent/Guardian feedback and Board of Education input prompts presentation to BOE
- 3.22.16 Update on Current AUSD Homework Policies and Practices
- 9.27.16 Follow-up and recommended next steps for AUSD
- 2.22.17 Review of Draft Homework Workgroup logistics by AEA/AUSD Academic Committee

Goals

- Gather data and conduct analysis of the homework experience in AUSD
 - Survey teachers, students, and families to examine their views and experiences with homework
 - Review site homework policies to assess alignment across sites, consistency within sites, and adherence to stated district and site policies
 - Review research summaries and examples of policies from other districts
- Develop policy recommendations to be presented to the Superintendent.

Composition

- 6 classroom teachers
- 2 non-classroom teachers representing Special Education and English Learners
- 5 parents/guardians
- 3 students
- 2 site administrators
- 3-4 district administrators
- Workgroup members will be selected to maximize representation of school sites, grade levels, and content areas.
- Parent/guardian members with experience as educators and teachers who have current/past students in Alameda Unified will be prioritized to maximize workgroup members with dual experience.

Timeline

- 3.13.17 Application for Homework Workgroup made available
- 3.24.17 Applications due
- 3.28.17 Applicants notified
- April 2017 Convene Workgroup
- Ongoing Develop Survey, Review Research/Policies

Additional Stakeholder Engagement

- Reports to Board of Education
- Engagement of Academic Committee
- Engagement of sites (via administrators, PTA Council, LCAP Parent/Advisory Committee)
- Town hall event to share progress and gather input
- (As needed) Additional survey(s)

Questions?