



Dear Colleagues, Parents, Students, and Community Members

Over the last five years Natomas Unified has experienced a lot of changes as we work toward a more positive future for our students and staff. As the Superintendent of such a strong and forward-thinking school district, I am honored to share with you our accomplishments through our [latest video](#).

This work is a direct reflection of the countless hours our staff and stakeholders have dedicated to support our students. The many accomplishments Natomas Unified has made over the last 25 years, and recently during the last few years, are a direct result of the commitment, collaboration, caring, and exemplary work of our Natomas Unified community.

As we reflect on our progress, we need to prepare for our future, so we are beginning “The Next 5” strategic planning process. We invite you to work with us by providing feedback through any of the opportunities listed below. The Next 5 is a strategic engagement process that also meets the engagement expectations for our annual Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). This process will include our community stakeholders in helping Natomas Unified establish an intentional approach to the next five years in our school district in the following areas of focus:

1. Vision, Goals and Core Beliefs
2. Operations
3. Curriculum and Pathways
4. Instruction, Assessment and Student Learning
5. Culture, Climate, Engagement and Communication

Please review the following opportunities for The Next 5 input in your neighborhood:

- Regional Engagement Meetings
 - Wednesday, Jan. 18, Inderkum High School Theater, 6 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 25, Special Board Meeting, Natomas High School, 6:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Feb. 7, Witter Ranch Elementary School, 6 p.m.
- [Online Videos and Survey](#), after Jan. 9
- School Engagement Meetings: For Parents at That School
 - Monday, Jan. 9, PTSA – Natomas Middle School, 6 p.m.
 - Monday, Jan. 9, PTA – Bannon Creek Elementary, 5:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Jan. 10 IB Parent Meeting, Inderkum High School, 6 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 11, PTA – Witter Ranch Elementary, 6 p.m.
 - Thursday, Jan. 12, PTA – Natomas Park Elementary, 6 p.m.
 - Friday, Jan. 20, Coffee Chat -- Jefferson Elementary, 8:15 a.m.
 - Friday, Feb. 3, Coffee Chat, Heron School, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
 - Monday, Feb. 6, PTA – H. Allen High Elementary, 6 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 8, PTSA – Inderkum High School, 6:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Feb. 9, PTA – Leroy Greene Academy, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 14, PTA – Two Rivers Elementary, 6 p.m.
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Stakeholder Group Meetings

- Tuesday, Jan. 17, District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC), Natomas High School, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 19, Student Focus Group, Discovery High School, 11 a.m.
- Monday-Friday, Jan. 23-27, Student Engagement at NUSD campuses
- Tuesday, Jan. 24, District Learner Advisory Committee, Natomas Gateways Middle School, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 26, English Learner Advisory Committee, American Lakes Elementary, 8:30 a.m.
- Friday, Feb. 3, English Learner Advisory Committee at Heron, 10 a.m.
- Monday, Feb. 6, English Learner Advisory Committee at H. Allen Hight, 5 p.m.

Last Chance Opportunities

- Thursday, Feb. 16, Open House at Inderkum High School, 6 p.m.
- Thursday Feb. 16, Open House at Natomas High School, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 16, Open House at Natomas Gateways Middle School, 6 p.m.

If you are unable to attend one of the dates provided, please take some time to view the informative videos that have been created on these 5 areas of focus and complete the brief survey that will be available beginning Jan. 9 on our NUSD The Next 5 [webpage](#). These are the same videos we will use at smaller setting meetings, but NOT at our regional meetings. I would encourage you to either watch the videos and complete the survey online, or attend a site meeting -- such as one of the PTA/PTSA sessions - - AND attend one of our three regional meetings.

I look forward to working with all of you to make The Next 5 years in Natomas Unified even more successful toward ensuring that all NUSD students graduate as college and career ready, productive, responsible, and engaged global citizens.

Sincerely,



Chris Evans
Superintendent