



Date: July 30, 2010  
To: Board of Education  
From: J. Brian Sarvis, Ed.D, Superintendent  
Subject: What Schools do to Boost Achievement and How the Board Can Support Efforts

Conference Agenda

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Background

Subsequent to a board meeting report on student achievement, a board member requested a discussion of what schools do to boost student achievement and how the school board can support the efforts.

Issue

Research on student achievement has identified a number of factors critical to student achievement. Santa Barbara School Districts' schools have all been working on higher levels of achievement, some with greater success than others. Those with the most success cite the importance of such factors as focus on learning and instruction, continuous assessment and monitoring with common assessments, common planning, data study, and professional teams/professional learning communities. District wide Initiatives such as READ 180, AVID, training in instruction for English learners, SAIL (Standards Aligned Instructional Leadership) for administrators, and "Teach Like a Champion" have contributed significantly to our gains.

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