

Community Council Comments - 02-04-12 * Preliminary Analysis

ATTACHMENT 1

Date: 2/16/12

TITLE: Community Council Comment – Preliminary Analysis

Description: The pages that follow provide a preliminary analysis of the community council comments.

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What's working (RE: Other services and cross-districts)

cross-district programs or interactions
after school programs
OEI professional development

college readiness
culture, race
AVID
other youth program
community

Narrative: These responses represent the positive feedback of the community council participants in regard to member district services. The participants at the community council meeting most strongly endorsed the After-School Programs and OEI Professional Development . Overall, they valued cross-district programs and interactions, which is consistent with our mission of integration. In addition, there were several responses that highlighted other youth programs, AVID and other college readiness programming, and programming that focuses on improving our understandings of race and culture as important features being provided to member districts.

What's not working (RE: Other services and cross-districts)



Narrative: The citizens who participated in the community council meeting were asked to describe what was not working with/for EMID. The two areas that raised the most significant concern were collaboration and communication. These two themes were often linked in the same comment; for example, one group described a lack of knowledge among the Board, public, and administration of the member districts resulting in students and staff not being able to access all the services that are available to them. These considerations were followed closely by comments about member districts and board/leadership; comments that represented these views described uncertainty about whether the leadership in the member districts is committed to EMID as an organization, integration as a goal, and the mission of the organization and the intent of the revenue, as well as comments that the current Board structure represents ten members who are potentially in competition with each other and EMID. Another set of themes were linked in describing concerns about the budget and finances, the administration and administrators, and the idea of sustainability. Finally, participants noted that we have not yet gone far enough in addressing issues related to the achievement gap, culture, race, and integration.

What's missing or needs to be added (RE: Other services and cross-districts)



Narrative: When asked to describe what was missing and/or needed to be added to the current programming, the primary focus of the participants in the community council meetings was an increase in cross-district programs and interactions. This is supported through more significant collaboration among the member districts. In addition, board leadership and communication need to be improved, and finally, the participants responses reveal that we need to improve our focus on integration throughout the region.