

Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

With our diverse population of 6,100 students, Centennial School District is intentionally implementing rigorous, culturally relevant, and evidence-based practices to cultivate academic excellence for each student. Fulfilling this vision requires reliable and consistent state funding.

Our schools would receive \$5.2 million during the 2019-2020 school year as part of a \$1 billion School Improvement Fund. Areas of anticipated focus include:

Well-Rounded Education: Adding culturally specific partnerships throughout the district assists students with issues that affect academic performance.

Adding additional resources and community partnerships provides expanded opportunities for student engagement.

Additional co-curricular activities, programs, and electives increase student engagement and to promote collaboration.

Student Health and Safety:

Providing students additional access to services, increased access to mental health supports, enhanced social-emotional learning opportunities, and a reduced counselor to student ratio.

Increasing attendance supports to reduce chronic absenteeism.

Adding staff to address student needs and comprehensive behavior support systems.

More Learning Time:

The increased investment allows Centennial to work towards increasing the number from 172 school days per year towards the national average of 180 school days per year.

An investment budget also allows summer school and after-school programs for added student support.

Regards,
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