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Raising Student Voices and Participation
2020-2021 Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee

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Dear LBUSD Teachers and Administrators,

The Advisory Committee has the sole purpose of elevating student voice and student experience to inform school and district decision making while providing a structure for two way communication between adults and students where all voices are equal. After our most recent meeting, we would like to share the following thoughts, comments, and ideas from participating student advisors from every high school. We also want you to know that our voice includes the voices of some of our classmates. During our past Advisory meeting, we asked the students what they would want teachers and other adults to know during this month. Our responses consist of student voices from all over the district, which were compiled on a google document.

We are thankful and appreciative of the following:

- Short breaks in class to refocus after being on camera for an extended period of time
- Extra credit and late work being accepted
- Encouraging students before finals and congratulate & praise them which makes them feel the studying paid off and was worth it.
- Asynchronous days not only help students catch up on work but also give a much needed mental health break
- Planning a stress-free activity that isn't directly Zoom related

Students feel as if the lessons are getting more difficult during this time, but study guides and study sessions are a way to help students during a time of tests and quizzes and students can be informed of what to study and what to focus on. College application season has calmed down a little, but seniors are anxiously waiting for their acceptance, so seniors ask for words of encouragement and time to heal.

The students on the 2020-2021 Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee see the teachers and administrators' hard work and appreciate you immensely. Thank you for making an impact in LBUSD and student's lives during a time of confusion and frustration. With your help, we can create relationships that fuel the essential bond between students and teachers. Once again, thank you for everything you've done for all of your students. The impact you've had and continue to have cannot be overstated.

Respectfully,

Maya Bryson (Co-Chair; Wilson) Megan Lane (Co-Chair; Poly), Jacob Jacoub (Poly), Ivonne Ramon (EPHS), Ava Carbonara (Wilson), Montserrat Castro (McBride), Eric Dehoyos (Browning), Jake Delray (Wilson), Katrina Doyle-Jacobson (Renaissance), Christopher Haro (Avalon), Wisdom Holland (Lakewood), Shacooyah Jackson (Beach), Diego Kagurabadza (Poly), Kamron Moore-Woods (Cabrillo), Kim Lam (CAMS), Ryan Pocinich (Millikan), Zoya Siddiqui (Sato), Talyah Simmons (Jordan), Bryan Whitfield (Jordan) and Isabella Wilcox (Lakewood)