

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Meeting of January 23, 2018

ITEM: PROMOTING SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF

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TYPE OF ITEM: STAFF REPORT

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this staff report is to provide the Governing Board and community with information regarding activities taking place throughout the District to promote a safe, supportive, and collaborative environment for students and staff.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

AUSD's Governing Board, District staff, and members of the Albany community are actively engaged in dialogue around strategies to ensure respect, inclusion, and empathy for all members of the AUSD learning community. District staff continues to highlight programs and activities that improve the culture and climate of our school community.

DETAILS:

A Cadre of Albany Staff Members Attending the Museum of Tolerance

A group of approximately fifty staff members, both classified and certificated, will be attending a two day trip to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. This trip is fully funded by the Tools for Tolerance for Educators grant. The grant covers airfare, lodging, and some meals. This opportunity was originally initiated by Heather Duncan, Terry Georgeson, Anna Mansker, and Melisa Pfohl who are taking a group representing TK-5th grade in February. Additionally, Alexia Ritchie will be taking a group of high school staff at the end of January.

The Tools for Tolerance Program provides educators with the following:

- Experience the Museum of Tolerance as a laboratory for human behavior
- Hear personal testimonies from witnesses to history
- Engage in facilitated discussions around issues that matter

- Participate in workshops (promoting positive campus climate, social justice, media literacy)
- Take home valuable resource materials

STRATEGIC GOALS ADDRESSED:



Objective #1: *Assess and Increase Academic Success. Goal: We will provide a comprehensive educational experience with expanded opportunities for engagement, assessment, and academic growth so that all students will achieve their fullest potential.e.*



Objective #2: *Support the Whole Child. Goal: We will foster the social and emotional growth of all students, implement an array of strategies to increase student engagement, identify individual socio-emotional and behavioral needs, and apply collaborative appropriate interventions.*

RECOMMENDATION: RECEIVE THE STAFF REPORT ON PROMOTING SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS.