

Fresno Unified School District
Board Communication

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From the Office of the Superintendent
To the Members of the Board of Education
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Regarding:  Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accreditation

The purpose of this communication is to provide the Board an update of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accreditation cycle including an update from 2018/19 WASC visitations. WASC accreditation is a yearlong self-study process that includes input from all stakeholders at the school site, and the outcome is to generate a WASC report that guides the mission, vision, and student outcomes of the school. In the WASC report, a plan is generated for a continual cycle of improvement that is aligned to student needs based on qualitative and quantitative data. A WASC visitation committee is composed of educators from various locations, who review the WASC report, interview various site stakeholders, and observe the schools in action. Typically, the visitations occur in the spring, and at the conclusion of the visitation, the WASC Committee develops a report that provides commendations and critical areas of needs. As noted by WASC, accreditation is intended to do the following:

- Ensure that the school is a trustworthy institution
- Validate the integrity of the school's program and transcripts
- Supports the ongoing improvement of school programs and operations to support student learning

The following sites had a mid-cycle WASC visitation in 2018/19 and were granted the remainder of their six-year accreditation: Fresno High, J.E. Young Academic Center, and Sunnyside High.

The following sites had a full WASC visitation in 2018/19:

- Design Science—Granted a six-year accreditation with a one day mid-cycle visitation
- Dewolf Continuation—Granted a six-year accreditation with a two day mid-cycle visitation
- Patino—Granted a six-year accreditation with a one day mid-cycle visitation

The following sites will be in a WASC cycle in the 2019/20 school year:

- Bullard High (WASC two day mid-cycle visitation)
- Cambridge High (WASC accreditation)
- Edison High (WASC accreditation)
- Roosevelt High (WASC two day mid-cycle visitation)

If you have further questions or require additional information, please contact Lindsay Sanders at 457-3471 or Katie Russell at 457-3806.

Approved by Superintendent

Robert G. Nelson Ed.D.



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