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Please see your Site PFT Rep for details.

Educational Leader Feedback (ELF) Survey

- PFT ELF surveys were emailed to PFT Members on Wednesday, January 31.
 - o Survey closes Wednesday, February 28.
- At least 50% of PFT members at your site must complete the survey for the feedback to be provided to your site principal and to Learning Support Services.

PFT Presidential Election Information

- An email regarding the PFT Presidential Election was sent to all members on the PFT Email Distribution List on February 8.
- The election will be held May 20-21, 2024.
- Candidates for the office of PFT President must be a PFT member in good standing throughout the two (2) year period preceding the date of the election.
- A Petition for Office signed by 100 Members in good standing must be turned in to the PFT Office by 4:00, Monday, March 11, 2024
- The Representative Council approved conducting the 2024 PFT Presidential Election electronically via Survey Monkey online.

Off Campus Independent Study (OCIS) Updates

- What is the purpose of an OCIS contract?
 - o Students continue to learn and get credit for attendance.
 - o PUSD receives funding as if the child attended school. Loss of this funding can have significant impacts on the district budget. Fewer funds in the budget results in fewer dollars with which to negotiate.
- When is an OCIS contract provided?
 - o For an extended absence of 3 or more school days for up to 14 consecutive school days (assignments provided for days 1-14).
- Teachers can simply list Canvas to meet the assignment requirements. Alternatively, hard copy assignments may be provided.
- OCIS agreements can be time intensive for teachers to create, especially if hard copies are being provided, and lead time is very important. Parents are asked to give reasonable notice to the school attendance department prior to departure (past Board Policy indicated five days' notice). Some cases preclude notice from being given such as an emergent medical/mobility issue or a death in the family.

- ADA funding received from short-term OCIS contracts is very important for our district's budget. If five days' notice is not provided:

- o Teachers may be unable to prepare the contract. Consider asking your principal for classroom coverage to allow you to prepare the contract.

- o Credit can also be given if the written agreement is signed within 10 school days from the first day the student started independent study. If the agreement is completed and is signed by the parent within the timeline above, credit can still be given for the entirety of the contract (given all other parameters are met). Yes, the signatures on the Master Agreement must be signed within 10 days of the beginning of the contract. Students could complete schoolwork posted on Canvas or initially provided to them while waiting for the written agreement to be completed and the rest of the assignments provided.

- o If the family will not have internet while the student is on the OCIS contract, and internet is required to complete the contract, the teacher may choose to give an alternate assignment (hard copy, textbook or a version that covers the same standard(s) taught during that time.

- The percentage of work completed is extremely important.

- o Any attempt at the assignment results in attendance credit and ADA funding (one sentence written, math problems all incorrect, etc.), even though for your classroom, grading and credit for the assignment will likely be different.

- o The percentage of work attempted will directly affect the percentage of positive attendance the student will earn, and ADA the district will receive.

- A simple example: If a contract is for 10 days and the student only attempts the work provided on 6/10 of the assigned days, or 60% of the assigned work, the student will only earn 6 days of positive attendance. The remaining 4 days will result in excused absences (and no ADA).

- Priscilla Sanchez, Assistant Director Attendance and Discipline gave an update to the Rep Council on OCIS guidelines.

- o Please see your Site PFT Rep for details or contact the PFT Secretary at nlukaszewski@powayteachers.org