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TO: Santa Clara County Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Information: Board Update – FosterVision Project

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**Associated Goal**

Goal 1: Improve student equity and reduce access discrepancies to high quality education.
Goal 2: Provide support to districts, communities, schools, and students.
Goal 4: Improve organizational effectiveness and efficiency.

**Background**

The board requested periodic follow ups on the progress of our FosterVision project, an online system partnering district and public agency data to improve access to services for our county’s foster students.

This update will inform the board about the progress made to date and next steps involved with the current five pilot school districts, as well as the partner public agencies.

**Fiscal Implications**

Funds have been incorporated for this purpose in the 2014-2015 budget.
Update for the Board

- Quick refresher
  - Where we are/where we're going
- What we've learned so far
- What we've done so far
- What's next on the schedule
Quick Refresher...

- **FosterVision** – Some quick reminders
  - "DataZone": (SCCOE's data warehouse). The foundation "Big Bucket" of data from many sources
  - **FosterVision**: An application we developed that's attached to DataZone to get its data about foster students
  - What's unique about FosterVision: Intersection of public service agencies' data with districts' to track and serve foster youth
  - The current work:
    - Getting the FV pilot districts' student data ready and into the warehouse ("bridges")
  - The next work:
    - Getting the rest of the districts' data ready and into the warehouse, both for FV and DZ uses

Where we are...

- SELPA (SpEd)
- QSS (Fin/HR)
- ChildPlus (HS)
- SchoolPlan
- Aeries (SIS)
- CALPADS
- DataZone: Our Own Data Warehouse

Reports
Dashboard
Analysis
Action Planning
Populate Other Systems
What We’ve Learned So Far

- We’re getting faster and better at building data bridges to districts (and will continue to do so)
- How ready any given district’s data is for bringing into the system is “mileage that may vary”
- More districts keep coming forward and expressing interest (Milpitas, Moreland, etc.)
- We’re developing a strategy for expansion, as we’re at capacity with existing staff (pace)
  - District staffing and pace
The FosterVision Pilot Districts

- Santa Clara Unified School District
- Franklin-McKinley School District
- East Side Union High School District
- Oak Grove School District
- Morgan Hill Unified School District
- Campbell Union Elementary School District

What We’ve Done So Far

- FosterVision application complete
  - Agency partners (DFCS, Probation) sharing their data
  - Policies and procedures (including user and access security) established and approved by all
- MOUs are signed by pilot districts
- Project teams established for each district (Foster Vision coordinator; student data system coordinator; exec. sponsor; IT lead; project lead)
Stages...

- Santa Clara Unified (SIS: Aeries):
  - Data staged; validation complete; linked to FosterVision, final testing in progress
- Franklin-McKinley (SIS: Infinite Campus) (change to remote hosting):
  - Data staged; validation in progress, linking and testing next (approx. Oct. 12)
- East Side Union (SIS: Infinite Campus)
- Morgan Hill (SIS: PowerSchool)

What’s Next on the Schedule

- As each district’s data validated:
  - Data tested, linked to FosterVision
  - Final testing with district, Foster Youth Services, agencies
  - Final training for district user team
  - Ongoing user group meetings, feedback, etc.
- One more idea – interim access to agency data
- Timeline challenges – pace!
Questions?

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