# **Education Options Review Status Report**

# What are Education Options?

Education options are schools and programs that include in-district alternatives (Alliance High School, ACCESS, MLC), thematic focus options (for example, Benson Tech HS or Sunnyside Environmental K-8), and dual language immersion programs.

## What is the Education Options Review?

A committee of principals and central office staff was formed to review the district's portfolio of education options. The initial charge of the review was to:

- Establish an ongoing process for reviewing educational options including measures of success
- Define the desired purpose and goals of education options
- Develop recommendations to align the education options system policy and procedures with the Racial Educational Equity Policy

#### Work to Date

Understand current education options system Develop values to guide Education Option system Assess current system against these values Propose desired purpose of Education Options Develop ecommendation ind outline futur work

Thus far, the committee work has been to:

- 1. *Understand current education options system*. The committee conducted site visits, reviewed enrollment, achievement and lottery data, and key documents including the Education Options Policy and individual school Plans of Operation.
- Develop values to guide the Education Options system. From analyzing these data, the committee created guiding values.
- 3. Assess the current system against these values and identify concerns and opportunities in the current system.
- 4. Based on this assessment, *propose a desired purpose of the Education Options system* aligned to the Racial Educational Equity Policy.
- 5. Develop recommendations and prioritize future work.

### What the Education Options Review Initial Report IS

- Status on current Ed Options programs, including identification of systemic trends that should help guide future location and access decisions
- Values to guide future planning for creation, modification, or possible closure of specific education option schools/programs
- Identification of the specific role that education options would serve in the PPS system
- Framework for longer term process
- Prioritization of first round of detailed education options evaluations:
  - o Alliance, MLC, ACCESS
  - Dual Language programs recommended for expansion and/or change due to co-location challenges

#### What it IS NOT

- Not an evaluation of specific ed options programs. It is a recommendation that evaluations be done, and prioritizes specific schools/programs for this year.
- No recommendations for specific program moves or changes at this time.