

Human Resources

1960 Landings Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34231 www.SarasotaCountySchools.net

December 18, 2020

Dear Ms. Southwell,

Enclosed is the Florida Educational Equity Act 19-20 Annual Update additional action that is due today from the School District of Sarasota County.

Issues noted and due December 18, 2020

Part I:

Issues noted: The annual notice was not posted on the high schools or district's websites. And, to notify students, parents and the general public of the CTE offerings at the high schools. The district did not provide evidence that the annual notice of nondiscrimination was published in any other medium that reaches students, parents, employees and the general public prior to the beginning of the school year for the CTE offerings at the high schools.

Additional Action: The attached PDF is also on our district website here: https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/cte. In the future this will be updated annual and distributed with the annual notice.

Part III:

Issues noted: Overall the district has shown some increases in minority enrollment for advanced courses, but net gaps persist, especially for black students. The district should establish accountability measures for ELL students and implement greater accountability measures for minority significant to close enrollment gaps. Updated strategies and accountability measures should be submitted to OEEO by December 18, 2020.

Additional Action:

Strategies: District Data Dashboards and Student Information System will be used to disaggregate data based on minorities and other elements to monitor and track enrollment in all Level 3 courses for grades 9-12. Schools will share data updates at beginning, mid, and end of the year acceleration meetings. These meetings will focus on improving access for all student in rigorous course work and monitor acceleration data for the school grade. Attempts will be made to offer the same support to District charter schools. For ELL students, high schools will provide an ESOL counselor to guide proper course scheduling and placement of ELL students and

monitor student progress. High schools will also Provide extracurricular academic opportunities at district schools and monitor student outcomes.

Accountability Measures: Black 5%-point increase

Hispanic 5%-point increase ELL 5%-point increase

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Al Harayda Employee Relations and Equity Administrator Sarasota County Schools