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WestEd Review of Special Education Program and Services (Elk Grove Unified School District)

Elk Grove Unified School District is committed to continuous improvement in our processes, services, and programs to ensure that all students with disabilities achieve positive outcomes through their school experiences. To support this effort, we have partnered with WestEd, a nationally recognized non-profit research, development, and service agency, to conduct an objective review of our organizational, fiscal, and instructional systems. The ultimate goal is to strengthen our special education services and improve student outcomes.

As part of this review, WestEd will analyze multiple data sources, including classroom observations, interviews, focus groups, surveys, IEP reviews, and both publicly available and district-provided program and financial data. Focus groups and interviews will begin this spring and will involve general and special education teachers, related services staff, paraeducators, administrators, coordinators, families, and students.

All data will be securely stored on WestEd's servers, and findings will be aggregated at the district level. No individuals or individual data will be identified, and personally identifiable information will not be shared with the district. This review is not an evaluation of individuals and is not intended to be punitive in any way.

At the conclusion of their analysis, WestEd will present a comprehensive report to district leadership. This report will highlight areas of strength, as well as provide evidence-based recommendations designed to enhance our special education services and improve outcomes for students with disabilities in the most effective and efficient way.

WestEd was selected for its extensive experience and expertise. Over the past decade, the organization has completed 28 similar reviews in districts nationwide, focusing on improving processes and services for students with disabilities. This wealth of experience, combined with the team's expertise in special education, general education, and program evaluation, will ensure an objective and thorough analysis.

This fall, you will be invited to participate in this important process by joining a focus group and/or completing a survey, or allowing a classroom observation. Your input is invaluable, and we encourage you to take part in this process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at westedstudy@egusd.net

Thank you for your continued commitment to our students.