

APPENDIX VIII – 4

Extra-Curricular Student Participation Survey Findings

In SY2017-18, the Interscholastics Department, in collaboration with high school student councils and the Superintendent's Student Advisory group, developed a four-item questionnaire designed to gather data from students who were not currently participating in extracurricular activities at their school.

Extra-Curricular Student Survey Items
Have you ever participated in any extracurricular activity at your school – including sports and clubs? If so, what activity? Why did you stop participating?
What are the reasons you have never participated in extracurricular activities?
What can your school do to get you more involved?
What are some of your interests outside of school?

The survey items were piloted at nine TUSD high schools with a total of 27 surveys received. Although an extremely small sample, the responses were interesting. Students had a variety of responses as to why they were not participating in extracurricular activities including lack of time and motivation. One student wrote that they did not want to spend any more time at school. When asked about how the school could increase student involvement, students gave many suggestions about activities that could be offered. The list ranged from clubs (e.g. photography) to fine arts (e.g. graphic design) to non-competitive sports (e.g. wrestling).

As follow-up, the Interscholastics Department will work with school personnel and students on collecting additional information about non-participation and developing more robust extracurricular options as necessary at each school site.