

SIGN ON TO "CHOOSING OUR FUTURE"

TRANSFORM LEARNING IN OUR CITY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Choosing Our Future is GO Fresno's community-wide effort to look at where we are today, set a vision for where we want to go and lay out a clear path for how to get from here to there. We know that the world our students are walking into is changing rapidly and we know that too few students are on a path to find success and thrive in school and in life. Every day our schools are not working for our young people is opportunity lost, for each individual student and for our community as a whole. There is no time to waste.

3 Big Challenges Where we are today

Since 2005, there have been significant improvements in Fresno Unified's finances and operations, and some academic gains. Nonetheless, significant concerns remain about student outcomes, especially as the demands of the working world continue to increase dramatically.



Too few of our students are ready for the world today.

75% of Fresno Unified students are not on grade-level in Math. Nearly 2 out of every 3 students are not on grade-level in English.

The future will dramatically change the job market, skills required, and the significance of a college education.

By 2030, 400 million - 800 million workers worldwide may be displaced by automation and California will have a shortfall of 1.1 million college graduates, if schooling does not change.



Our core school model has not significantly changed in more than 100 years.

"Tired", "stressed" and "bored" were the top 3 words students used to describe their high school experience.



A Bold Vision for Our Future Where we want to be

We have a dream where every young Fresnan is:



Academically prepared with 21st century skills



Able to make a variety of choices about their future



Allowed to discover and follow their passions



Mentally, emotionally, and physically healthy



Connected and engaged with their communities



Loved and able to love others

Our Path Forward

To realize our vision, we must reimagine the purpose and structure of school and design new public systems that put learners at the center of schooling.

TOGETHER, WE MUST MAKE THIS A REALITY

DRIVE TOWARD EQUITY THROUGH FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL STUDENT GROWTH

Every child is capable, but too few of our students are currently on grade-level. The District should create individual goals for every student to ensure every child is making appropriate growth to be at grade-level by the time they graduate from Fresno Unified schools.



CREATE AN INNOVATION ZONE



Educators are ready to drive true transformation. The District should grant some schools academic autonomy and financial flexibility so principals and teachers - working together - can transform learning environments. Innovation zone schools will be allowed to develop new school models that might better prepare all students to thrive.

100% OF STUDENTS ARE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

To succeed in the future working world our graduates need college-level academic skills and a new set of workplace skills. The District should focus specific resources to ensure that 100% of graduates would be prepared to enter basic college classes without a need for remediation.

