

# Instantiating NGSS in Districts and Schools: Engaging and building support among parents and the community



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### Who is in the room?





#### **Session Goals**

- Effective advocacy communications LCAP
- The Toolkit to support and advocate for Science and Environmental Literacy in the LCAP
- Considerations for messaging and supporting Science STARTING NOW



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### **Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)**

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)





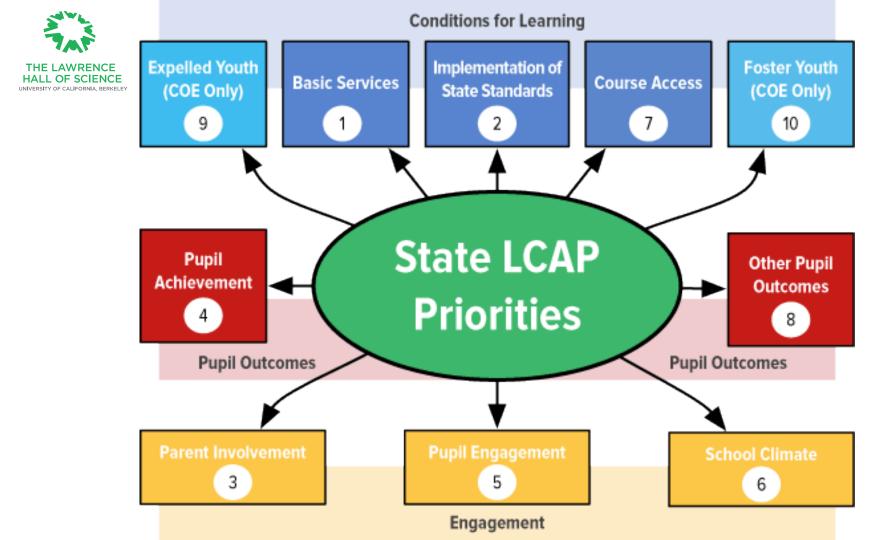
#### **Local Control Funding Formula**

- 2013: Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) was passed.
- Replaced multiple funding streams into one formula for each student.
- More than 80% of districts funds
- Supplemental funding also provided to support specific demographic groups (low-income, ELs, foster youth)
- Planning and accountability requirements for districts





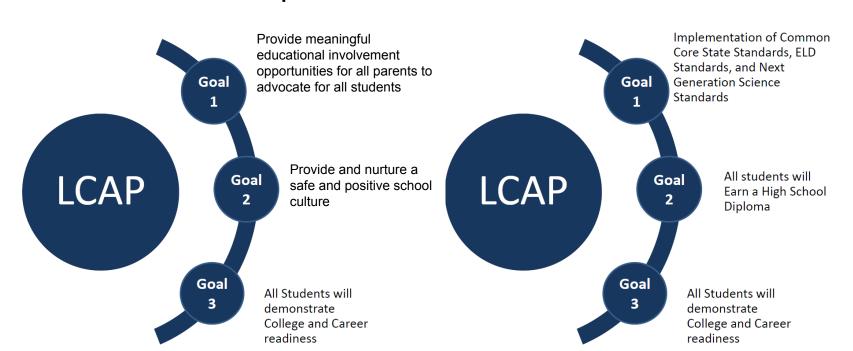
- 3 year plan showing district prioritized goals
- Specific actions to achieve goals
- Address 8 state-identified priority areas







#### Address local priorities of the district







- Engagement
- Specific Actions
- Metrics
- High-needsSupport

#### Structure of a Local Control and Accountability Plan

#### **Section 1**

#### Stakeholder Engagement

Describes the process used to consult with parents, pupils, school personnel, and the community, and how this contributed to the plan. Builds on the process from the previous year.

#### Section 2

#### Goals, Actions, Expenditures, and Progress Indicators

Describes annual goals and actions, expected measurable outcomes, projected expenditures, and explains key changes.

#### Section 3

#### Supplemental and Concentration Grant Funds and Proportionality

Describes and justifies the expenditure of the supplemental and concentration funds.

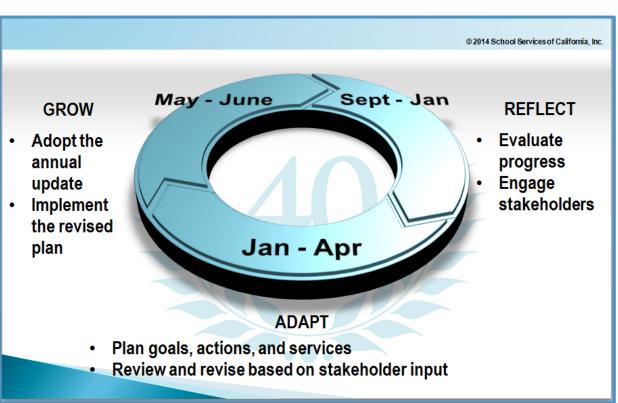
#### **Annual Update**

Reports the progress made for each goal, describes the effectiveness of actions, and reports expenditures.





- Life Cycle
- Submission byJuly 1





### 88 LCAPs Reviewed

2014: California STEM Learning Network research study

# Science missing as key priority

And confusion about implementation

# No clear funding links to science

Few examples of best practice







#### **Principles of Communication**

Effective advocacy communications





#### **Advocacy Communication: Overview**

- -Message > Audience > Action
- It's all about persuasion not education
- Interactive not one way
- Context matters
- Requires preparation and flexibility





- 1. Identify your goals
- 2. Develop your core message
- 3. Prioritize and understand your key audiences
- 4. Tailor your core message for each audience
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#### 1. Identify your goal

What is success? = Science is represented in the LCAP





1. Identify your goal

#### 2. Develop your core message

Build a solid message framework

Start with your desired outcome

Use three supporting points to make your case

Keep it clear and simple





#### 2. Core Message

#### **Core Message Framework**



**Supporting Point** 

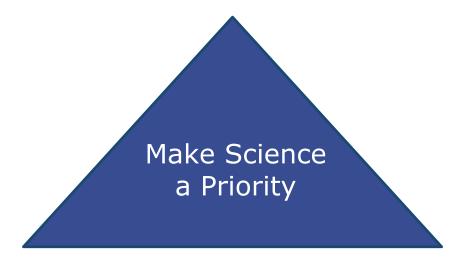
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- Messages do not exist in a vacuum
- You have to know your audiences they are your "stakeholders"
- Prioritize audiences based on your goals
- Commit to study and understand your audiences

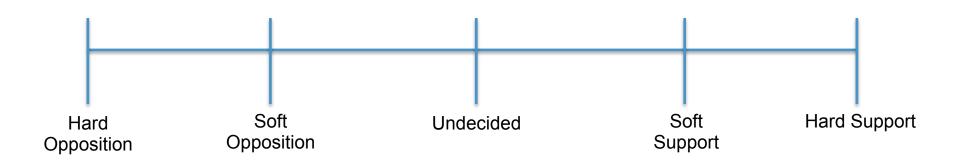




- The audience is never wrong
- They are rational and emotional
- Step into their shoes, see it their way
- -Account for history, culture, language, taboo, etc.
- Find ways to adjust to them (see bullet 1)

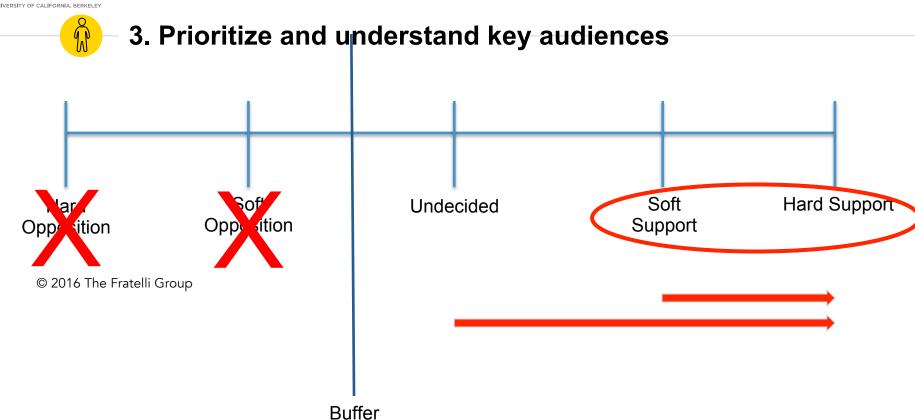






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- Build an audience profile
- Focus on one group at a time...
  - •What is their knowledge of the subject?
  - •What is their interest / investment?
  - •What benefit or threat will they face?
  - Do they already have an opinion on the subject?
  - •Are they generally open to new ideas?
  - -How do they like to be addressed?
  - •What historical / cultural factors influence them?





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#### 4. Tailor Your Core Message

- Start with your core message framework
- Apply message effectiveness factors to audience
- Tailor message to connect to audience
- Consider spokesperson options





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#### 5. Develop an Engagement Plan

- -Remember your goals
- Focus on the win
- Think first about the audiences closest to you plan from the inside out
- -Allocate resources wisely (time, money, etc.)



#### **Engagement Plan Activities**

#### Examples

- Have a conversation with assist supt. or person responsible for LCAP.
- Call to figure out when public and internal meetings. Attend meetings to make your case.
- 3 Look at '16-'17 district LCAP to understand local priorities.





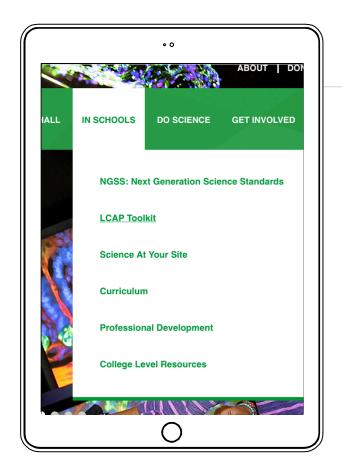
## The LCAP Toolkit





Where: LCAP Toolkit

www.lawrencehallofscience.org /programs\_for\_schools/ lcap\_toolkit







#### **LCAP Toolkit: Tools**

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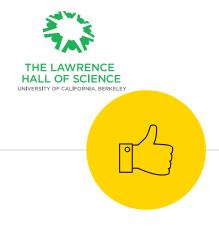
# 2. Talking Points & FAQs Communication messages and clarification on hot button issues around science.

# **3-4. Guiding Questions for Community Advocates**Help assess strengths and gaps in science education and environmental literacy in their communities and identify priority needs for LCAP development.

# **5-6. Guiding Questions for Districts** Help in assessing the breadth and quality of science and environmental literacy programming readiness in the district.

# **8-9. Model LCAP Content**Science-focused and environmental literacy –focused LCAP goals, measurable outcomes and examples of actions/services to support effective implementation.

# **9. Resource List**Provides links to resources on science and environmental literacy.



# Thanks!

### Any questions?

You can find me at

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- Special thanks to all the people who contributed to the development of the LCAP toolkit:

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#### Sample Social Media Posts

<u>Twitter:</u> Does your school district's LCAP address science? Take advantage of resources to ensure it does!

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#LCAPScience <a href="http://tinyurl.com/h32lap5">http://tinyurl.com/h32lap5</a>

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