

# English Language Education (ELE) Evaluation Findings

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### **CASTAÑEDA 3-PRONG TEST**

- Based upon the Castañeda v. Pickard case Bilingual Education
- ❖ 1978: United States District Court (Southern District of Texas) and Raymondville Independent School District: Ruling in favor of the district
- 1981: United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit: Ruling in favor of the Castañeda children

### CASTAÑEDA 3-PRONG TEST

- PRONG 1: The educational theory underlying the language assistance program is recognized as sound by some experts in the field or is considered a legitimate experimental strategy
- > **PRONG 2:** The program and practices used by the district are reasonably calculated to implement effectively the educational theory adopted by the district.
- > **PRONG 3:** The program succeeds when producing results indicate that students' language barriers are being overcome within a reasonable period of time.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION (ELE) PROGRAM REVIEW

- ❖ 20 meetings and focus groups: to gather input from multiple stakeholders that included a total of 114 (unduplicated) participants. The following describes the focus groups by stakeholder group:
  - o **EL Families:** 7 Focus Groups, total of 30 participants, representing families who are speakers of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, and English.
  - District Leadership: 5 Focus Groups, total of 21 participants, representing Senior and District Leadership, and Curriculum Coordinators
  - Building-based Leadership: 3 Focus Groups, total of 43 participants, representing principals, vice-principals, and guidance counselors
  - Faculty: 5 Focus Groups, total of 20 participants, representing ESL and General Education faculty
- 2 Site Visit days visits to all schools
- ❖ Meetings with EL department leadership review of SOPs
- Data Analysis of EL demographics, Accountability and other indicators

## CONTEXT OF INTERPRETATION THE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

	201	L9	20	20	2021		
	PSB	MA	PSB	MA	PSB	MA	
% ELs	11	10.8	9.4	10.5	9	11	
U.S. Born %	25.8		32.4		36.5		
Yr 1 ELs	53.7		34.1		61.4		
Long-Term ELs	0.2	14.9	0.5	15.5	1	18.3	

- > PSB EL percentage trend is comparable to national trend
- ➤ MA is one of top 13 states with highest ELs (around 11%)
- > TX and CA have highest percentages at 19.6% and 18.6% respectively
- ➤ Noteworthy for PSB is reversal of U.S. Born indicator
- Nationwide U.S. Born is 65-75%

## CONTEXT OF INTERPRETATION THE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

PSB 20	PSB 2021-22 Language Distribution											
SCHOOL	ELs	Lang. prevalence	N	%								
Baker	111	Korean	46	41								
Ruffin-Ridley	133	Hebrew	61	46								
Driscoll	55											
Heath	32											
Lawrence	143	Japanese	92	64								
Lincoln	71	Japanese	44	62								
Pierce	91	Mandarin	33	36								
Runkle	62	Spanish	28	45								
Brookline HS	51	Mandarin	9	18								

- ➤ **National trend:** Hispanics @76.8%; Asian is second largest group @10.2%. In all but 5 states in the U.S., Hispanics are the prevalent group
- Nationwide 5 top languages: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese & Haitian Creole
- > Arabic is second most common in 16 states
- ➤ Chinese is among top 5 in 32 states and Korean is 10<sup>th</sup> nationwide

## CONTEXT OF INTERPRETATION MOBILITY INDICATORS

	20	19	20	20	2021		
	PSB	MA	PSB	MA	PSB	MA	
Churn	36.6	23.3	31.5	20.7	36.6	16.3	
Intake	24.1	14.8	18.6	18.6 13.6		8.8	
Stability	75	85.8	78.7	86.7	75		

- > Churn: Percent of students TRANSFERING IN OR OUT of district during the academic year
- ➤ **Intake:** Percent of students who enroll in district AFTER the beginning of the academic year
- > **Stability:** Percent of students who remain in district throughout the academic year

## CONTEXT OF INTERPRETATION THE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

- ➤ Diverse international community
- >Appreciate bilingualism and multilingualism as an asset
- ➤ Understand the importance of Oral Language!
- ➤ Very interested about the PSB ELE program and how it works
- Expect rigor and metrics of progress about English language progress

### CASTAÑEDA 3-PRONG TEST — RATING SYSTEM

INDICATOR RATINGS									
Not Met	Partially Established	Established							
	Developing								

- > Subjective criteria
- Assessment combined evaluation of formal compliance requirements, qualitative data and district's accountability data

#### CASTAÑEDA 3-PRONG TEST – PRONG 1

## The educational theory underlying the language assistance program is recognized as sound by some experts in the field or is considered a legitimate experimental strategy

The district's ELE program is evidenced-based for both instruction of Second Language Acquisition (SLA) and Sheltered English Immersion (SEI)

INDICATORS	Ratings
Data Analysis	Established
SLA Instructional Component	Partially Established
SEI Instructional Component	Not Met
Self-Evaluation Capacity	Not Met to Established

#### CASTAÑEDA 3-PRONG TEST — PRONG 2

The program and practices used by the district are reasonably calculated to implement effectively the educational theory adopted by the district.

The extent to which there is allocation of human capital, resources and supports, to implement the ELE with fidelity.

INDICATORS	Ratings
Qualified instructional staff	Established
Qualified support staff	Partially Established / Developing
ESL Curricula	Partially Establish / Developing
Content Curricula	Not Met
Instructional equipment & materials	Established
Instructional Space	Predominantly Not Met
Access to district-wide programs	Predominantly Not Met
Cultural & Linguistic practices	Partially Established / Developing
Family Engagement	Partially Established / Developing

## PRONG 2 ACCOUNTABILITY – ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES

	ELs &	ELs & DISTRICT COMPARISON - AP TAKERS									
	20	)19	2020 2021								
AP Takers	PSB ELs	PSB Total	PSB ELs	PSB Total	PSB ELs	PSB Total					
	8	532	0	450	2	435					



### CASTAÑEDA 3-PRONG TEST — PRONG 3

## The program succeeds when producing results indicate that students' language barriers are being overcome within a reasonable period of time.

Extent to which multilingual learners are making progress in both SLA and academic achievement, and the district's capacity to evaluate such progress

INDICATORS	Ratings
Progress in SLA	Established
Attainment of English proficiency	Established
Meaningful Engagement in Gen Ed Curriculum (MCAs)	Established
Self-Evaluation Capacity	Not Met to Established

## PRONG 3 DATA ANALYSIS – ACCESS ACCOUNTABILITY

		ACCESS DISTRIBUTION FY 19, 20 & 21 PROGRESS IN PROFICIENCY & ATTAINMENT											
	20	2019 2020 2021											
	PSB	MA	PSB	MA	PSB	MA							
N Total	887		859		564								
N Progress	349		443		384								
Progress %	84%	50.30%	84%	49.90%	80%	39.30%							
EPL =>4 %	49%	19.60%	44%	16.80%	54%	13.60%							

- > PSB significantly outperforms ELs in the state in both progress and attainment of SLA
- Kindergarteners are shifting to higher proficiency levels as of FY 21
- ➤ By 4<sup>th</sup> grade, half or more of ELs are in levels 4,5 & 6
- Majority of ELs in HS are in levels 3-5. Consistent trend with important instructional and curricular implications.

## PRONG 3 DATA ANALYSIS – MCAS ELA ACCOUNTABILITY

		FY 2019						FY 2021				
		PSB		MA				PSB		MA		
5th GRADE ELA	EL Not EL			EL	Not EL		EL	Not EL		EL	Not EL	
Meet / Exceed	58	71		33	52		45	69		26	47	
Exceed	13	15		3	7		8	16		3	8	
Meet	45	26		30	45		37	53		23	39	
Partial	40	25		48	39		43	26		48	41	
Not Met	3	4		18	9		11	5		26	12	

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ELA MCAS

		FY	20	19				FY	202	21	
	PSB			MA				PSB	MA		MA
10th GRADE											
ELA	EL	Not EL		EL	Not EL		EL	Not EL		EL	Not EL
Meet / Exceed	54	83		19	61		67	82		19	64
Exceed	11	29		2	13		17	34		1	19
Meet	46	54		17	48		50	48		18	45
Partial	36	14		48	31		21	16		40	27
Not Met	6	3		34	8		13	2		41	9

## PRONG 3 DATA ANALYSIS – MCAS MATH ACCOUNTABILITY

		FY 2019						FY 2021				
	F	PSB		MA				PSB		MA		
5th GRADE		Not			Not			Not			Not	
MATH	EL	EL		EL	EL		EL	EL		EL	EL	
Meet / Exceed	74	71		33	48		61	64		18	33	
Exceed	18	18		3	6		12	14		2	4	
Meet	56	53		30	43		49	50		16	29	
Partial	24	22		49	42		30	30		47	47	
Not Met	3	6		18	10		9	6		36	20	

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\*\*Even more!\*\*

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	PSB			MA		PSB			MA	
10th GRADE		Not			Not		Not			Not
MATH	EL	EL		EL	EL	EL	EL		EL	EL
Meet / Exceed	73	83		23	59	75	78		15	52
Exceed	26	33		3	13	21	30		2	11
Meet	47	50		20	45	54	48		13	41
Partial	24	14		49	33	17	19		45	36
Not Met	3	3		28	9	8	3		39	12

### PRONG 3 ACCOUNTABILITY - EL GRADUATION AND DROP-OUT RATES

	2019		20	20	2021		
	PSB	MA	PSB	MA	PSB	MA	
Graduation-4yr	88	64.6	89.7	68.3	100	71.8	
Graduation-5yr	91.3	69.7	92	71.1	93.1	74.7	
Dropout Rate	0	7.1	0	5.6	0	5.8	

No surprise ... PSB outperform the state rates!

**EL and Non-EL rates in PSB are comparable** 

## PRONG 3 ACCOUNTABILITY – ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES

	ELs 8						
	2019		2	020	2021		
AP Takers	PSB ELs	PSB Total	PSB ELs	PSB Total	PSB ELs	PSB Total	
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Again... WHY ???



### PSB OPPORTUNITY!

Expansion of Pathways for Academic Excellence For ALL Students!

## THE LOOK ACT The Language Opportunity for Our Kids Act

- ✓ Bilingual Education & Dual Language Programs
- ✓ Seal of Biliteracy
- ✓ EL Parent Advisory Councils (ELPACs)



More flexibility and options to educate Multilingual Learners

November 22, 2017



## Strengthen PSB Multilingual Learners Program through Dual Language Education!

Bilingualism, Biliteracy & Socio-Cultural Competence



# PSB to become the hub where International Communities join to form a Shared Community

## DISTRICTWIDE ADDITIONAL AREAS OF FOCUS

- 1. Expansion of EL Leadership team to include ESL Curriculum coordinator and ESL coaches
- 2. Scheduling practices for ESL instruction and collaboration between SEI & ESL teachers
- 3. Restitution and expansion of Family Engagement supports
- 4. Capacity building in Cultural & Linguistic Responsive Practices and strengthening SEI instruction

## EL DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED AREAS OF FOCUS



- 1. ESL Curriculum Development
- 2. Address needs of families to understand the district's ESL program and other Family Engagement needs
- 3. Collaboration / alignment with SEI teachers





### **THANK YOU!**

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