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Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Community Partners and Stakeholders,

In June 2013, California adopted a new funding formula for school districts and county offices of education known as Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). As part of LCFF, school districts, county offices, and charter schools are required to develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

The LCAP must focus on eight areas identified as California's educational priorities as well as its own local priorities. The eight areas of specified state priorities are intended to encompass the key ingredients of high-quality educational programs. The plan must describe the overall vision for students, annual goals and strategic actions needed to achieve the goals.

In formulating the plan, each school district/county office must engage parents, employees, educators and the community in developing these plans. The plan must demonstrate how the budget ensures alignment of projected spending and services to support the achievement of the goals.

This year again, VAFS is soliciting input from our stakeholders. This process has proven to be valuable in identifying areas in which to focus resources.

Stakeholders meetings will be held at the Venture Academy Family of Schools Main Site Campus (2829 Transworld Drive, Stockton) on **Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** and on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** We encourage you to attend one of these meetings to learn more about the programs we currently offer and to provide input and consultation to address the needs of the students we serve.

In addition, please take a moment to complete the LCAP survey posted on our website at www.ventureacademyca.org.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Focacci
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