

WHAT ARE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND STRENGTHS OF THE BERRYESSA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT SINCE THE MAY 2016 STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT?

Brainstormed List of Perceptions

- Improvements and upgrades to the schools (e.g., solar panels)
- Flexible instructional spaces (FIS)
- Board election that wasn't contested
- Increased the Speech Pathology Assistants
- Students have an anonymous way to report bullying
- Improved professional development
- Hired new Psychologists
- Celebrated our EL learners
- Updated all technology software
- New and improved Internet access
- Increased our IT support staff
- Site Ed Techs
- Increased our Social Workers
- Expanded our Sobrato Early Academic Language Program
- Continued CTA representation for Special Ed Teachers
- New K-2nd grade reading assessment
- More opportunities for professional development that closely matches the work that teachers do
- Data protocol presentations
- Improved our Executive Cabinet
- All 4th and 5th grade students now have PE class with specialized PE Teachers
- Created a process for evaluating educational technology programs
- New website
- Participated in the ALAS Program focused on Latino kids from families that haven't previously gone to college—gave them an opportunity to visit colleges
- Additional technology department hire—Tech Support Specialist III
- Increase in para-professional positions
- Approval of a new ELD Master Plan
- A uniform approach to volunteer intakes
- Modified our Elementary Music Program
- New employee orientation
- Had a positive financial audit
- More parent workshops
- Response time from anybody and everybody at the District Office is amazing
- Student and school participation at Board meetings
- More focus on making sure kids know how to navigate on computers
- Hired an Educational Services Coordinator with expertise in ELD
- Reduced student expulsions by at least 50%
- \$14 million in developers fees coming in
- Full staff doing lunch to speed up the line
- Classroom renovations
- Expanded paraprofessional development for all certificated and classified staff
- Smooth opening of the school year
- Regular digital parent newsletter
- Successful two day professional development at the beginning of school—the school year was expanded by two days
- Established a new key inventory distribution protocol

- Much improved communication between administration and CTAB (California Teachers Association Berryessa)
- New Curriculum Leadership Teams for Science, English Language Arts and Technology that have been very well received
- Curriculum Leadership Teams are vetting benchmark assessments and curriculum maps
- More parent involvement in activities at the schools
- New highly qualified CTAB President
- Provided students with technology
- Collaboration
- Increased student achievement
- Newly adopted materials
- Central kitchen is being planned
- Grants from the Berryessa Educational Foundation—approximately \$40,000
- 2:1 ratio of Chromebooks to students in each classroom
- Salary settlement for all employees
- We now have PE Instructional Associates
- New year-long professional development calendar
- No school bus accidents
- Expanded social worker coverage at the elementary schools
- Additional support provided by a nurse
- Uniforms were purchased for maintenance, custodial and transportation personnel
- Increased technology classes for teachers
- Improved SST (Student Study Team) process
- Converted to solar energy for a savings of approximately \$500,000
- 40 new certificated people hired
- 99% of students participated in State testing—4% increase in ELA and 5% increase in math
- We branded a District logo
- AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) installed in all sites