

Meet & Greet

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Welcome & Introductions

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Agenda

Why Are We Here Today?

Da Vinci Schools Overview

- A Brief History of the WUSD + Da Vinci Partnership
- Why is there a need for a DV Connect High School?

Da Vinci Connect High School Overview

- The Model: High School + College + Career
- Merging of DV Extension and DV Connect
- Curriculum, Facilities, Enrollment Priorities & more
- Benefits for Students and Families
- Benefits for Wiseburn USD and Da Vinci Schools

Next Steps - Da Vinci Connect Petition Modification (TK-12+)



Q: Why are we here today?

A: Da Vinci Schools is seeking to expand Da Vinci Connect to include a high school. We are sharing our proposal with the local community.

If approved, the high school will NOT be located in Del Aire or on any Wiseburn property.



About Da Vinci Schools

- ❖ Opened in August 2009
- ❖ Authorized by Wiseburn USD, DV Design, Science, Communications serve as the “home” high schools for the District
- ❖ 3,000+ educators from 6 continents have come to study Da Vinci best practices since we opened our doors
- ❖ Free, not-for-profit public schools
- ❖ Raised more than \$78MM since inception



Wiseburn + Da Vinci Boards of Trustees

Wiseburn USD Board of Trustees



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Da Vinci Schools Board of Trustees



Wiseburn USD Superintendent of Schools



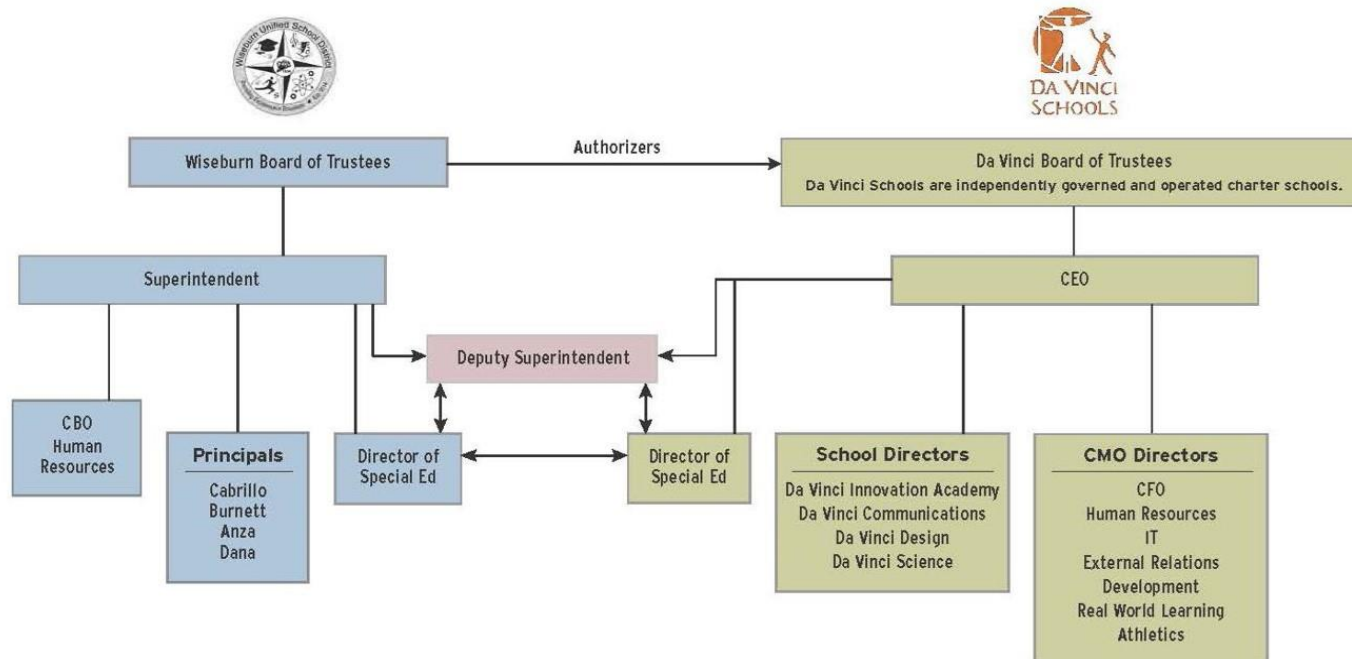
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Da Vinci Schools CEO



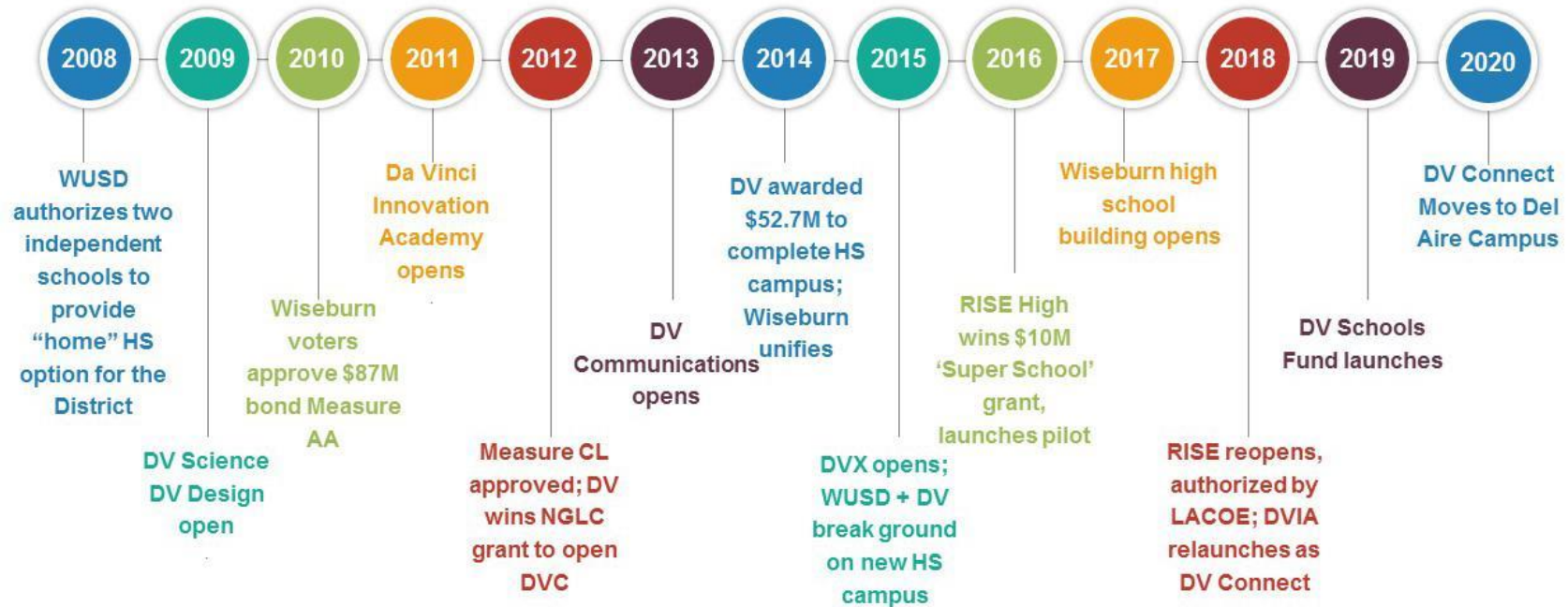
Wiseburn + Da Vinci Partnership

Wiseburn Unified School District–Da Vinci Schools Governing Organizational Chart



Excerpt from
**Wiseburn
Da Vinci
Magna Carta,**
page 4

History of Wiseburn + Da Vinci Partnership



Da Vinci Connect: An Overview



Our K-8 Program has moved to Del Aire!



We are proposing a 9-12 option. Why?



Where is education headed?

- ❖ An increasing number of families are seeking **flexible learning options**. As the adult world changes, so too does learning.
- ❖ Teens with unique professional goals must juggle unorthodox schedules; a **hybrid program** provides a community and the flexibility to pursue passions and advanced learning opportunities.
- ❖ Demand for Da Vinci Connect has increased every year since the school's founding in 2011; **there are wait lists for every grade level**.
- ❖ What might the future look like?
 - Competency-based learning, alternative credentialing, smaller schools, focused curriculum.
 - **Learning can happen anywhere** (embedded in corporations, nonprofits, on college campuses...)

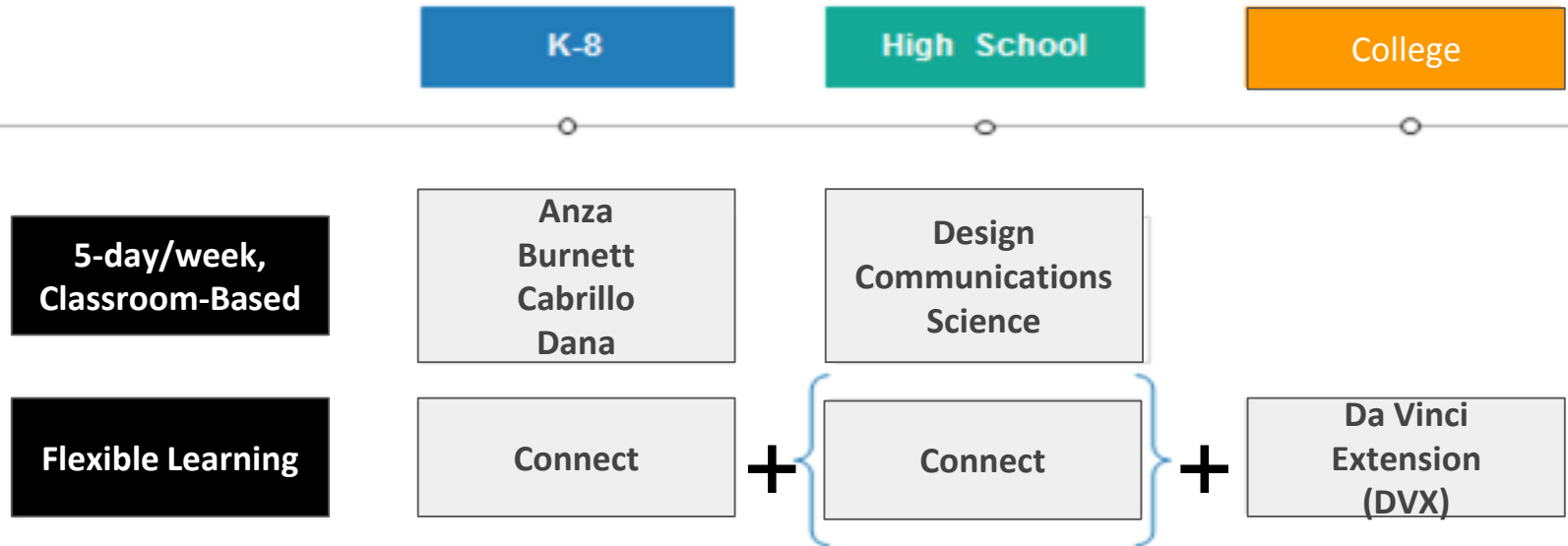
What does research say about America's "college completion crisis"?

- ❖ Successful college attainment directly linked to upward social mobility, voting, volunteering, positive choices and good physical and mental health.
- ❖ 70% of HS grads enter postsecondary education. YET...
 - Only 40% earn a bachelor's degree in 4 years
 - Only 60% earn a bachelor's degree in 6 years
 - Only 28% who enter a 2-year institution finish within 3 years
 - Fewer than 15% who enter a 2-year college earn a bachelor's in 6 years
- ❖ College tuition costs have increased by 699% since 1982; median household income has increased by 184%
- ❖ State support for college education has decreased 20% since 1990

Bottom line: College completion matters, it's more important but also harder to attain than ever, and we have a solution!

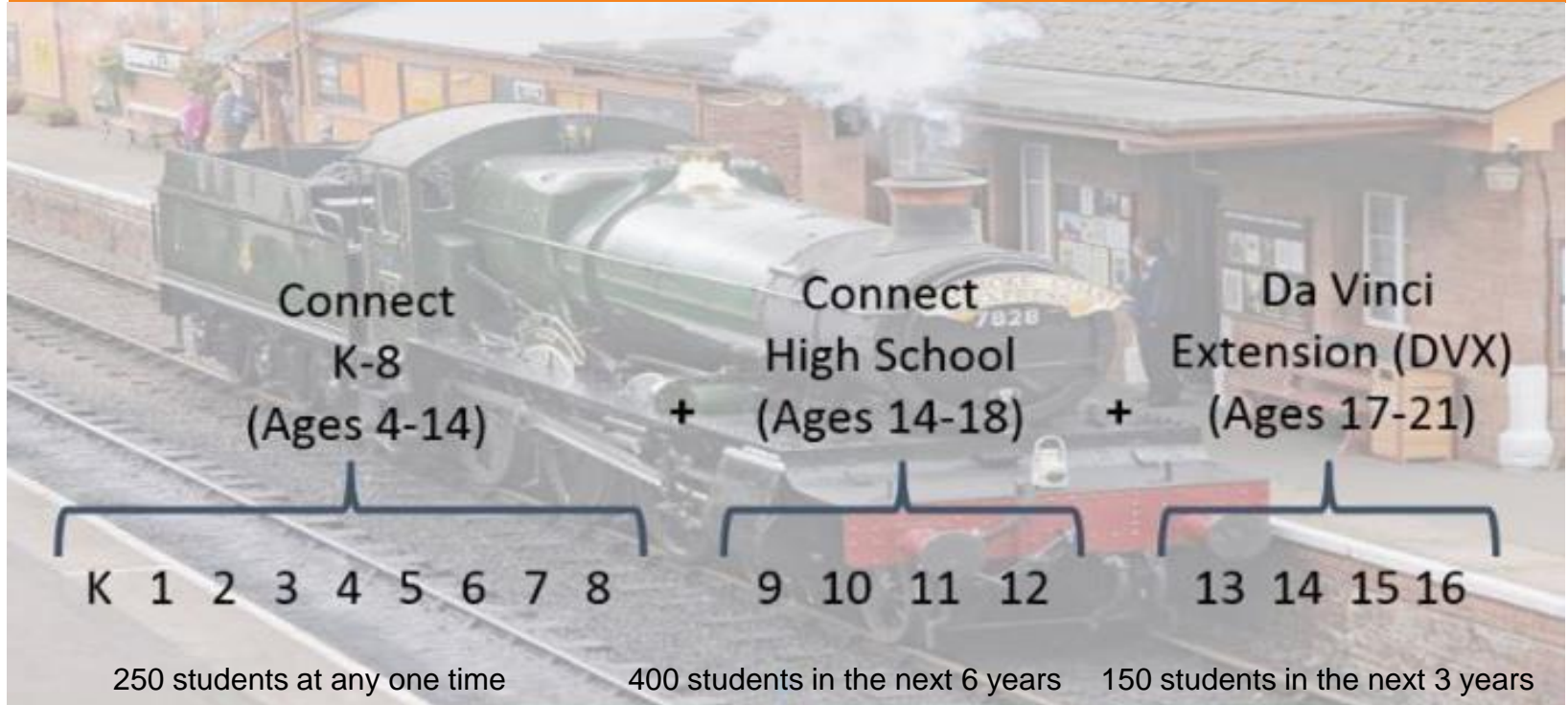
So why another high school?

The Missing Link



How Connect and DVX Intersect

(and why they should)



Da Vinci Connect High School

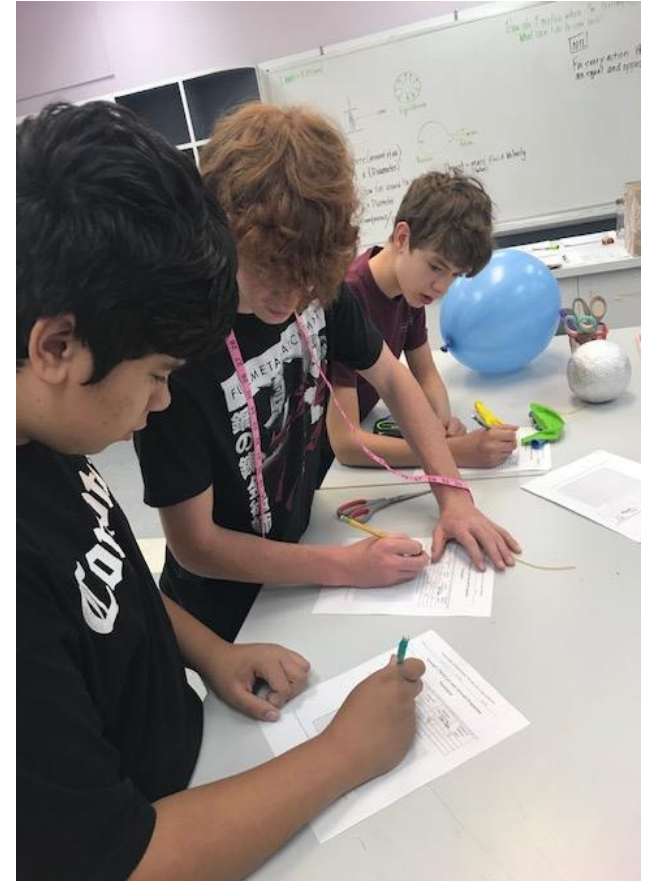
High School + College + Career

Earn a high school diploma and a Bachelor's degree for **FREE!!!**



Da Vinci Connect High School

- Competency-Based Learning
- Project-Based & Real World Learning
- Workforce Skills
- Community
- Academic, Social-Emotional and College Supports

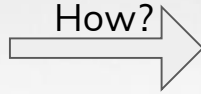


The Student Experience

PEOPLE

Leveraged to build and maintain **relationships** and **community**.

How?

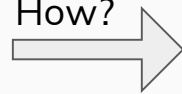


- Small cohorts
- 2+ days/week of classes
- Personalized support & mentoring
- Social-emotional, workforce skills, financial literacy curriculum
- Meetups
- Exploration of student passions and strengths
- Parent support & collaboration

TECHNOLOGY

Leveraged to **focus student learning, increase efficiency, and drive down costs**, resulting in **greater accessibility** for more students.

How?



- Self-paced, competency-based curriculum via SNHU
- Early College via UCLA Extension and El Camino College
- Tutoring/office hour support
- Flexible schedule and courses

Sample Student Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-9:00		Independent Work Time/Study Hall Plus:		Independent Work Time/Study Hall Plus:	History Office Hours
9:00-9:15	Community Time		English Office Hours		
9:15-10:15	English		Community Time		
10:15-11:15	World History*		Physics**		
11:15-11:25	Break		Physics Lab		
11:25-12:00	Support/ Personal Choice		Break		History Office Hours
12:00-12:45	Lunch		Support/ Personal Choice		
12:45-1:45	Advisory		Lunch		
1:45-2:45	Spanish		English		
2:45-3:15			World History*		
3:15-4:15					
4:15-5:00					
				Open Collaboration @ ESMOA & English Office Hours	
				Spanish Office Hours	History Office Hours

*first semester: Financial Literacy

**alternate with executive functioning/counselor topics

Pilot Student & Parent Testimonials



“My daughter and I searched for years for a school that would be flexible enough to allow her to nurture her talents and passions but continue to challenge her academically.”

Facilities

Connect K-8



DVX

Connect HS @ Beach Cities Montessori



Connect HS Pilot Results

- 9 out of 9 students enrolled with Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) have mastered college coursework (called “competencies”)
- Successful completion of A-G courses
- Successful integration of DV Connect and DVX staff to support students
- Students still engaged in DV signature practices such as project-based and real world learning, Exhibition Nights, Student Led Conferences, etc.
- Without any advertising or outreach, there is a wait list for January and Fall 2020



Benefits for Students and Families

- Cut College Cost and Completion Time
- Flexible and Personalized
- Leverages the Growing Success of Competency-Based Learning
- Significant Improvement Over Current Early College Programs
- Admissions Priority for Wiseburn Residents



Benefits to Wiseburn--Why a New High School

- Needs of the Wiseburn community are shifting. There is no negative impact for Wiseburn families or on Wiseburn facilities.
- Da Vinci Connect has already embraced a forward-thinking response.
- Flexible schedules, seating & instructional strategies are part of Connect's DNA
- Serve families seeking alternative, progressive solutions to their children's learning.
- Connect's K-8 program has served Wiseburn residents for 9 years and is committed to continuing to do so.
- Wiseburn students served by this program represent the entire spectrum of students and families including: progressive/non-traditional thinkers, "gifted" learners, families seeking flexible schedules and increased family time, parents seeking the latest educational research and outcomes...

Benefits for Wiseburn USD and Da Vinci

- No adverse financial impact to WUSD; Da Vinci will *contribute* to WUSD revenue
- Da Vinci Connect High School will **not** be located on the Del Aire Campus or any Wiseburn campus
- Da Vinci Extension (located at 2141 Rosecrans Ave.) will merge with DV Connect's charter but remain on Rosecrans Avenue



Da Vinci Connect High School Target Enrollment

- 50 students in 2020-21
- 110 students in 2021-22
- 175 students in 2022-23
- 260 students in 2023-24
- 355 students in 2024-25
- 400 students in 2026-27



Da Vinci Extension - Results

- ❖ One student has received his AA degree through the UCLA Extension + El Camino College Pathway and 24 students have completed their AA degree through SNHU.
- ❖ 20 DVX students have transferred to 4-year colleges, including **UC Santa Cruz, UC San Diego, CSU Dominguez Hills, Arizona State, Whittier College** & more. Students have also gone on to the **Marines** and **U.S. Army**.
- ❖ 19 students are continuing their education at local community colleges.
- ❖ DVX students have participated in successful project consults with **Children's Hospital of L.A., Susan G. Komen, Boys and Girls Club, Rock the Vote, UPS** and many others.



- ❖ 20 students participated in paid internships at 72andSunny, Belkin International and Gensler.

Next Steps

- **Jan. 28:** Presentation to the Del Aire Neighborhood Association @ 6:30pm (Community Room at Del Aire Park)
- **Feb. 12:** Presentation to the Wiseburn Board of Trustees @ 6pm (Board Room)
- **Feb. 27:** The Wiseburn Board will vote on the DV Connect Petition Modification @ 6pm (Board Room)



Q&As

Thank you!!

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