

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In May 2019, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District reached an Agreement with Disability Rights California, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, and Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) regarding its provision of special education services to students with behavioral and emotional disabilities. The Agreement calls on the District to:

- Expand its much improved Educational Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) through implementation of districtwide trauma-informed training, restorative justice, and Social-Emotional Learning.
- Continue to significantly reduce the number of students at Sunrise Elementary School and other separate schools and make efforts to create new inclusive classrooms on regular education sites.
- Review the IEP of every child placed at Sunrise at least every six months to determine whether that placement remains appropriate and the child is making progress toward returning to a regular education site.
- Continue to decrease the use of behavioral emergency interventions at Sunrise through data collection and review, staff training, and parent education activities.
- Expand opportunities for students at Sunrise to interact with their nondisabled peers, such as during assemblies, academic classes, and nonacademic/extracurricular activities.
- Improve communication with the parents, guardians, and caretakers of students at Sunrise and encourage their participation in the activities and programs of the school.

The Parties will collaborate on implementation and monitor progress for the next three years through the following activities:

- DREDF will conduct a confidential parent survey of the parents of Sunrise students twice yearly.
- The District will produce a semi-annual report on the status of its ongoing efforts, improvements, and new initiatives.