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## **East Side Alliance to Better Serve 85,000 Students**

The East Side Union High School District and its seven elementary feeder districts have joined forces to create a bold new model for student success called the East Side Alliance. The goal of the alliance is to improve academic achievement for all students, but particularly some of the county's poorest performing students, and set them on a path to college, careers or both.

The seven elementary districts include Oak Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Evergreen, Franklin McKinley, Alum Rock, Berryessa and Orchard. Combined with East Side Union, the alliance serves 85,000 students. If we were one district, we would be the third largest in California, with more kids than San Francisco Unified or Oakland Unified.

**Working together, we can:**

- **Align our goals to improve academic outcomes for all of our students, including those who have traditionally been underserved and marginalized**
- **Embrace common standards, course content, and instructional practices among elementary and middle schools feeding into the same high school district**
- **Track student progress during elementary school to help guide and prepare them for moving into high school**
- **Coordinate intervention plans for struggling students**
- **Support each other during the transition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS)**

Facilitated by the Silicon Valley Education Foundation, the East Side Alliance creates a formal partnership between the high school district and elementary districts to offer students a seamless path toward graduation and career readiness.

With both San Jose State University and Evergreen Community College as partners, we also plan to engage the business community, helping further define college and career skills that students will need to succeed in the workforce.

We are excited about our potential...the positive outcomes of joining together in the East Side Alliance and changing the trajectory of all students who call the East Side "home." **Yet, we cannot do this alone.** Our future success will literally take the full East Side *community* working together to ensure that all students are college and career ready when they graduate from our education system.

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