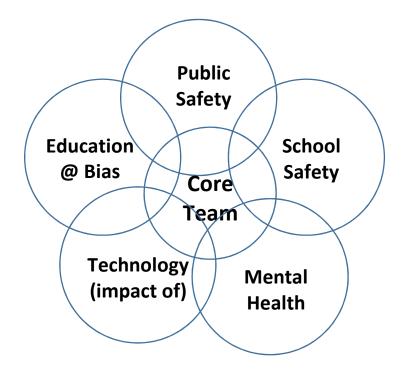
Task Force on School Climate and Safety – A Recommendation

The superintendent and executive cabinet are recommending the formation of a task force to study, research, and provide recommendations for how to improve school climate and safety in Santa Barbara Unified School District. We have identified five inter-related domains that should be considered by the task force:

- 1. Public safety as provided by law enforcement
- 2. Campus safety
- 3. Mental health
- 4. Technology
- 5. Education about bias

We are proposing a model of a small core team of about 10-12 people led by the superintendent and cabinet with multiple opportunities for community stakeholders to participate in a series of forums about each domain. The core team will include experts from each domain, some of whom are already identified.



Public safety – School resource officers from SBC Sheriffs and SB Police Department Campus safety – Dr. Shane Jimmerson, UCSB Mental health – tbd Technology – tbd Education about bias – Jarrod Schwartz from Just Communities (JC) and Cyndi Silverman from Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

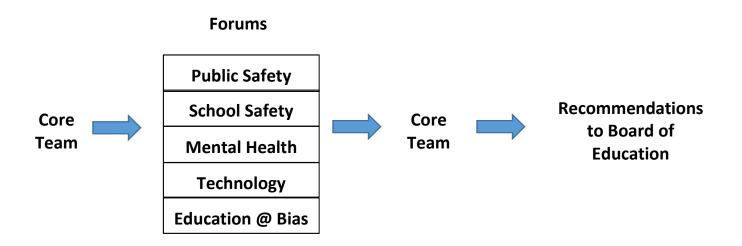
The four cabinet members will include:

Cary Matsuoka, Superintendent Shawn Carey, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Dr. Frann Wageneck, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Todd Ryckman, Chief Technology Officer

We recommend adding one parent and one teacher to the core team to listen to and represent these two stakeholder groups.

## **Process and Timeline**

We will establish the core team by April 6, 2018 and schedule a first meeting in April 2018. We envision designing a series of community forums in each of the five domains that will allow for educating the public about the issues in that domain and seek input from the public about that domain. The core team will meet in April to plan one community forum in early May to test the structure of a forum and see how it works. The experience of the first forum will inform the planning of future forums when we return for the 2018-19 school year. As these forums will focus on secondary issues, we will need to pause our work by mid-May. Our high schools get very busy with testing, end-of-year celebrations, and graduation and we need to do the work of the task force in sync with the rhythm of a school year.



The goal is to bring recommendations to the Board of Education by December 2018. But as we develop those recommendations, we will immediately implement those strategies along the way during the fall. The final report will probably be a blend of strategies we have implemented along the way and others that will require a longer investment of time and resources.