

Mt. Diablo Unified School District Smaller Learning Communities Proposal
Abstract

The Mt. Diablo Unified School District (MDUSD) is proposing to intensify the expansion of Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) as a school reform strategy at two of its six comprehensive high schools in the next five years.

Applicant (LEA) Name & Address		
Mt. Diablo Unified School District 1936 Carlotta Drive Concord CA 94520		
NCES District ID	68-00 91157	
Name & Address if Each School included in the SLC Application:		
Name of School	Address	No. of Students Enrolled
Mt. Diablo High School	2455 Grant St. Concord, CA 94520	1,618
Ygnacio Valley High School	755 Oak Grove Rd. Concord CA 94518	1,340

SLC’s have served as a pivotal force within MDUSD over the past five years and has assisted the district in creating more rigorous and relevant learning environments for students and teachers. The district sees a direct correlation between student success and SLCs. However, over that same period of time, the district has seen a severe reduction in resources due to the California budget crisis. Those reductions have slowed the development of academies because of the inability to conduct the intensive school-level work necessary to strengthen the momentum and expand this school transformation strategy. MDUSD stands at the crossroads for furthering this important work, and would like to focus its efforts on two of the six comprehensive high schools within the district—those schools who both qualify for the federal SLC grant and who have laid the foundation for full implementation of career academies over time. It is through these SLC strategies that MDUSD will ensure a more personalized school experience that is rigorous and relevant with the expectation that every student will graduate ready to succeed in college, career and life.