

# Imagine Promise Summit Executive Summary

## **The Challenge**

Stockton Unified School District is located in the heart of the Central Valley and serves approximately 39,000 students from ages 3-22. In the new global economy, Stockton, California needs a workforce of problem solvers, innovators, and inventors who are self-reliant and able to think logically. A key to developing this innovative capacity is strengthening science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) competencies in all students and providing Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways.

A 2018 study reported that with the nationwide emphasis on improving outcomes for STEM and CTE Pathway undergraduates, it is essential that we not only focus on modifying classroom instruction but also provide students with the tools to maximize their independent learning time. The majority of the jobs in our nation most in demand over the next decade will require STEM Skills found in many of our pathways. These skills are extended in post-secondary training. STEM-related occupations are also among the fastest growing in the state. Despite these increasing demands, the pool of qualified graduates in STEM and other career pathway fields do not meet current needs.

## **History of the Imagine Promise Summit**

In early 2018, the Community Relations Department collaborated with Communication Resources for Schools to develop a forum whereby local business partners, community agencies, and faith-based organizations gathered together with the common theme of building a support structure that fosters all students in Stockton Unified graduating college, career, and community ready.

Later in the year, SUSD Superintendent John Deasy performed a series of listening sessions with business, advocacy, non-profit, and faith-based communities. If there was a single theme heard, it was “SUSD and Stockton can and must do much better – current results and current conditions are unacceptable – previous efforts at improvement were too little and not sustained, so we now need dramatic efforts for dramatic improvement.” Using this feedback, the Community Relations Department updated the Imagine Promise Summit format to ensure year-round community partnerships.

## **Goal of the Imagine Promise Summit**

The Imagine Promise Summit, held every spring, will focus on recruiting businesses, nonprofits, and faith-based organizations to become Imagine Promise Partners who will work with SUSD schools the following school year. Partners will be invited to a kick-off event in early fall and to additional events throughout the school year.

The Summit will address the following themes:

- Imagine all students in SUSD graduating college-, career-, and community- ready.
- Imagine a school-to-workforce pathway, whereby students are exposed to internships and hands-on learning experiences.
- Imagine if the entire Stockton community came together to support and invest in SUSD Students.

That is what we imagine!

### **Outcomes of the Imagine Summit Promise**

The Imagine Promise Partnership Team is an important component of the success and long-term sustainability of graduating every single solitary student college, career, and community ready. The Imagine Promise Partnership Team is a way to expose educators and students with the collective ingenuity from business and industry, post-secondary, labor, non-profits, faith-based organizations, and parents. Participation in the Imagine Promise Partnership will provide many opportunities to assist Stockton Unified in its mission to promote STEM and career education pathways and fields ensure all students graduate, college, career, and community ready.

Would you consider making a promise to?

- Contribute to curriculum development
- Host tours and field trips
- Participate in advisory committees
- Collaborate with teachers
- Mentors, role models
- Host class presentations
- Assist in service-learning projects
- Provide job shadowing, internships, and apprenticeships

We will see you at the summit on April 4, 2019 from 8:00am -10:30 (Breakfast Provided)  
Please R.S.V.P. [www.stocktonusd.net/imagine](http://www.stocktonusd.net/imagine) as space is limited.

