

Office of the President

TO MEMBERS OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

DISCUSSION ITEM

For Meeting of September 17, 2019

UNIVERSITY-ASSISTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS: MANN UCLA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BACKGROUND

Mann UCLA Community School brings together the resources of the school, family and community to help young people thrive and make families and communities stronger in the South Los Angeles area. It serves as a neighborhood cornerstone for high-quality public education that prepares all students to graduate from high school ready to succeed in college, careers, and civic life.

Established in 2017, Mann UCLA Community School builds upon UCLA's existing partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), which first formed the Robert F. Kennedy UCLA Community School in Koreatown in 2009, where the college-acceptance rate has since more than tripled to 99 percent. Now UCLA and LAUSD are working together to develop Mann UCLA Community School into an exemplar for a rigorous and personalized college preparatory education.

As a university-assisted school, Mann UCLA Community School employs and evaluates innovative K-12 approaches to teaching and learning, maintains an active research program that informs teaching practices, and, similar to teaching hospitals, serves as a site for training educational professionals and creating more rigorous teacher education programs.

University-assisted community schools like Mann UCLA are modeled on the concept that schools are the social centers of their neighborhoods and flourish when they partner with others to meet the needs of the whole child and family, especially for children living in poverty. A university-assisted community school is one that engages the university as the lead partner in providing community-based academic enrichment and social services and prepares underrepresented students to graduate from college. These schools are mutually beneficial, as they improve the quality of life and learning in the community while also advancing the University's mission of teaching, research, and service.

An overview will be presented of school strategies to boost educational success and opportunities for its students, information about the school's opportunities and challenges, and the support needed to help more students prepare successfully for the University of California.