



Another major topic for discussion involved the ongoing development of teachers in Tempe and Chandler schools to ensure that their students receive the best support and education.

Tempe Union Superintendent Dr. Kevin Mendivil directed the audience toward a list of the core values and mission statements for Tempe high schools.

Written under a strategic plan for 2018-2023, the vision statement says: "All students will graduate with skills necessary for success in college, career and life."

One of the core factors of a teacher's job, advised Mendivil, is to differentiate instruction for their students, a challenge he called more and more difficult.

"I don't want to do the absolute best," he said; "they want to be able to impact in a

outcomes—student outcomes in general—and we need to do better at that, quite frankly."

He added that part of this need is not based on any lack of willingness or desire among teachers to impact their students, but rather a lack of certain skills of differentiating instruction in some classrooms to make sure each student receives the proper kind of instruction.

By continuing to cultivate excellence in each teacher through training and mentorship programs, he said, the district hopes to build a platform for students to succeed in all areas of life when they leave high school.

Mendivil added that integrity is also something educators strive to uphold every day, and the district will continue to ensure there is accountability for