

**Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
UPDATE TO THE AGENDA**

August 21, 2008

MAJOR ITEMS

- A.29 Funding of Reading Specialists in the Elementary Schools to Provide Literacy Intervention Services for School Year 2008-2009
EDIT: Add second option (*pages 2-3 of this update*)

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TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: TIM CUNEO / CHIUNG-SALLY CHOU

ACTION/MAJOR
08/21/08
UPDATE

RE: FUNDING OF READING SPECIALISTS IN THE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE LITERACY INTERVENTION SERVICES FOR
SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009

RECOMMENDATION NO. A.29

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve Option #2 (attached), which provides for an increase in 3.65 FTEs for reading specialist positions at a cost of approximately \$292,000 from the general fund. ~~It is recommended that the Board of Education approve an increase of 3.5 FTEs for reading specialist positions at a cost of approximately \$280,000 from the general fund.~~

COMMENTS: The following is the recommended allocation for district-funded FTE Reading Specialist positions based on the 2006-07 CST data of students scoring "Below Basic" and "Far Below Basic" levels. The school shall maintain its current effort of services to students scoring below the "Proficient" level. Reductions to the current effort may not be made without Superintendent approval.

The proposed allocation for Option #1 was calculated using a ratio of 150 students to 1, resulting in a total increase of ~~3.5~~ 3.0 FTEs. A second option is presented using a ratio of 125 students to 1, resulting in a total increase of 3.65 FTEs. Further study will be conducted during the school year regarding the effectiveness of the services, and a recommendation for future staffing will be made at the end of the school year.

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Option #1 (150:1 and rounded up):

School	2007-08 Staffing	Students at "Below Basic" & "Far Below Basic" Levels	Recommended District-Funded FTEs
Cabrillo	0.0	31	0.2
Edison	0.5	71	0.5
Franklin	0.8	27 36	0.2
Grant	0.5	63	0.4
McKinley	0.5	32 30	0.4 0.2
Muir	0.8	38 36	0.4 0.2
Pt. Dume	1.5	13	0.2 0.1
Rogers	0.75	125 99	0.8 0.7
Roosevelt	1.5	16 31	0.2
SMASH	0.0	21 25	0.2
Webster	0.4	13	0.2 0.1
TOTAL	7.25	450 448	3.5 3.0

Option #2 (125:1):

School	2007-08 Staffing	Students at "Below Basic" & "Far Below Basic" Levels	Recommended District-Funded FTEs
Cabrillo	0.0	31	0.25
Edison	0.5	71	0.6
Franklin	0.8	36	0.3
Grant	0.5	63	0.5
McKinley	0.5	30	0.25
Muir	0.8	36	0.3
Pt. Dume	1.5	13	0.1
Rogers	0.75	99	0.8
Roosevelt	1.5	31	0.25
SMASH	0.0	25	0.2
Webster	0.4	13	0.1
TOTAL	7.25	448	3.65

MOTION MADE BY:
SECONDED BY:
STUDENT ADVISORY VOTE:
AYES:
NOES: