



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 10.2

**Meeting Date:** August 6, 2015

**Subject:** Approve Washington Elementary School Reopening

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Division:** Strategy and Innovation Office

**Recommendation:**

1. Approve Washington Elementary School's reopening, conceptual design, and timeline for 2016-17 school year launch.
2. Hire a principal for Washington Elementary School to serve as primary project manager leading to fall 2016 opening.

**Background/Rationale:** On February 21, 2013, the Board of Education approved the closing of Washington Elementary School along with six other schools, due to under-utilization. Current projections show area enrollment sufficient to sustain four area elementary schools (Theodore Judah; David Lubin; William Land; Washington). Additionally, Washington Elementary, developed as a destination school, will draw increased enrollment to the district.

**Financial Considerations:** There are no new financial considerations for the 2015-16 school year as the Board previously committed funds for associated costs.

**LCAP Goal(s):** College and Career Ready Students; Safe, Clean and Healthy Schools; Family and Community Engagement

**Documents Attached:**

1. Executive Summary

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** 15 minutes

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**Approved by:** Lisa Allen, Interim Deputy Superintendent



## OVERVIEW / HISTORY

On February 21, 2013, The Board of Education approved the closing of Washington Elementary School along with six other schools, due to under-utilization. Ongoing development in the Downtown Sacramento region and demographic projections show area enrollment sufficient to re-open Washington Elementary School. At the direction of the Superintendent and in collaboration with Board Member Jay Hansen, City Council Member Steve Hansen, and community stakeholders, staff have engaged the preliminary steps to position the Board of Education to re-open Washington Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. If re-opened, Washington Elementary School would serve as a “destination school” supporting local resident students and attracting new student enrollment from throughout the greater Sacramento area.

## TIMELINE OF ENGAGEMENT AND ANTICIPATED STEPS TO RE-OPENING

- **March 12, 2015 – Joint Community Meeting** at Washington Elementary hosted by School Board Member Jay Hansen and City Council Member Steve Hansen
- **Spring, 2015** – Staff (Schools Office, Academics Office, Facilities, and Board) conducted **study visits** to a variety of schools with the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) focus. Schools visited include: Natomas Visual and Performing Arts Charter School, Ophir STEAM Academy, and Walter Bracken STEAM Academy.
- **August, 2015** – Board of Education Meeting for a Conference/Action Item to **approve the re-opening of Washington Elementary School** along with funding to hire the principal, and prepare the facility for service.
- **September, 2015 – Hire a Principal** to begin the work of opening Washington Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year
- **October, 2015 – August, 2016** – Staff and the Principal hired will begin the **design and hiring** for the opening of Washington Elementary School for the 2016-17 school year.