# BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

**Date:** June 20, 2014

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## Chief Business Officer – Ken Forrest

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From the Office of the Superintendent

To the Members of the Board of Education

Prepared by: Olivine Roberts, Ed.D., Chief Academic Officer  Contact Email: Olivine-Roberts@scusd.edu

Subject: Child Development Program Changes

In an attempt to not reduce the number of students being served by the program and balance the budget, it was necessary to make changes to the program options. It is important to note that while costs to administer quality programs for very young children rise steadily, federally and state funded programs have been consistently flat-funded. Hence, this reality warranted the need to make adjustments in program option offerings available to families for the 2014-2015 year. The impact of this decision has resulted in converting the center-based infant/toddler services at American Legion and Hiram Johnson to home-based services. Letters, in English and Spanish, about the changes and possible options were sent to 24 families impacted by this change. They are individually being guided and supported through this transition by staff. To date, four of the 24 students have aged out and will be enrolled in the preschool program; eight will be transitioning into the home-based program; three have moved out of the district; and seven have applied to SETA for services. Staff continues to work with SETA to ensure placement for each student.

There is hope of good things to come. SETA, in conjunction with the district, is currently in the process of submitting a grant application to the Administration for Children and Families for the Early Head Start Expansion and EHS-Child Care Partnership Funding. If awarded, the funds allocated will increase the center-based program by 40 infants and toddlers to be served at the following locations: Hiram Johnson (24), Elder Creek (12) and American Legion (8). These services would begin as early as January 2015. Additionally, based upon the latest budget forecast, it is likely that the Child Development program will receive additional funding. If that comes to fruition, the programs would be restored.

The teachers impacted by the program changes are guaranteed teaching assignments. The district, along with SCTA, will engage in the surplus process to place each teacher.

Approved by:

Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent  ☒  Date: 6/20/2014
From the Office of the Superintendent

To the Members of the Board of Education

Prepared by: Ken Forrest, Chief Business Officer

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Subject: Governor Brown Signs Budget

Governor Jerry Brown today signed California’s new $156.3 billion budget with very few line item changes to what was passed by the Legislature last Sunday, according to media reports. As expected, the budget includes an expansion of pre-school services for low-income children and a plan to shore up the state teachers retirement fund. Governor Brown was expected to sign the accompanying trailer bills this afternoon. According to press reports, there are no plans to alter the reserve cap provisions in Senate Bill 858 despite concerns expressed by K-12 districts. Now that the budget is signed, we will be reviewing it and updating the Board.

Approved by:

Sara Noguchi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent  ☒  Date: 6/20/2014