

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 11.6

Meeting Date: December 8, 2016
Subject: Approve 2017-18 Budget Calendar
 □ Information Item Only □ Approval on Consent Agenda □ Conference (for discussion only) □ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated:) □ Conference/Action □ Action □ Public Hearing
<u>Division</u> : Business Services
Recommendation: Discuss and approve the Budget Calendar for the 2017-18 Adopted Budget time line.
Background/Rationale: While the 2016-17 budget is currently balanced, there are unknowns regarding the final budget for this fiscal year and, until the Governor's budget is provided, the impact on the 2017-18 and 2018-19 budgets are unknown as well. The attached calendar reflects estimated time lines for major activities to ensure a balanced budget on or before July 1, 2017.
<u>Financial Considerations</u> : Education Code section 42127 requires that a balanced budget is submitted on or before July 1 of each fiscal year.
LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment; Operational Excellence
Documents Attached: 1. Executive Summary 2. Budget Calendar
Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 Minutes
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Approved by: José L. Banda, Superintendent

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I. OVERVIEW/HISTORY:

In October 1991, Governor Wilson signed into law Assembly Bill 1200 which became effective on January 1, 1992, allowing school districts to choose one of two methods for the approval of their local budgets. Our district has selected the single budget adoption process which requires a school district to conduct its public hearing and adopt its final budget on or before July 1 of each year. The selection of the single budget adoption process further requires a district to make available for public review, within 45 days of the Governor's signing of the State Budget, revisions in revenue and expenditures that reflect the funding made available by the State Budget Act.

The process of developing a school district budget is an ongoing function that must be addressed by the Board and administration throughout the school year. In order to effectively develop a fiscal document that reflects the goals and objectives of the school district in the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), the budget process must include a well-defined budget calendar outlining when specific activities will be completed.

Although there are numerous deadlines used in the development of the 2017-18 budget, the calendar highlights the main steps, specifically those involving the Board.

II. Driving Governance:

- Education Code section 42126 states that each budget shall be made on the number of forms or in the format prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Education Code section 42127 requires that on or before July 1 of each year, the Governing Board of each school district shall hold a public hearing on the budget, adopt a budget and, within five days, file that budget with the county superintendent of schools.

III. Budget:

While the 2016-17 budget is currently balanced, the state budget is based on uncertainty. Out year budgets will gain clarity as the January Governor's budget is released and the May Revise is issued. The budget calendar will guide timelines for specific activities that need to take place once state budget information is known.

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IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

Follow the timeline for budget reductions to ensure a balanced 2017-18 budget.

V. Major Initiatives:

Use the Budget Calendar to help guide budget development for 2017-18.

VI. Results:

Budget development for 2017-18 will follow the calendar approved by the Board. Required Board actions will take place in order to ensure a balanced Adopted Budget is in place on or before July 1, 2017.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

- Follow the approved calendar with adjustments made as necessary.
- Continue to monitor the state budget and its impact on the district's finances.
- Follow the requirements of Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).
- Continue to engage stakeholders in the budget development process through the LCAP community engagement.

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2017-18 Budget Calendar	
December 2016 Board Approval of First Interim Report Present 2017-2018 Budget Calendar to Board for Approval Presentation of Independent Audit Report	December 8 December 8 December 8
January 2017 LCFF/LCAP Community Meeting (Future LCAP Meetings will be determined) Staff Review of Governor's Budget Proposal and potential impact	January 19 January 19
Board Budget Update on January's Governor's Budget Proposal and Budget Recommendations Potential 2017-2018 Budget Reductions to Board for Conference	February 2 February 16
 March 2017 Board Action on 2017-2018 Recommended Budget Reductions Certificated Lay Off Notices to Meet March 15 Deadline if Needed Board Approval of Second Interim 	March 2 March 2 March 16
April 2017 Classified Lay Off Notices if Needed	April 6
Governor's "May Revise" Report Board Discussion of the Projected "May Revise" and Approval of the Final 2017-18 Budget Balancing Recommendations if Needed	May 4 May 18
June 2017 Board Approval of LCAP Public Hearing and Adoption of 2017-18 LCAP and Proposed Budget	June 1 June 15