



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 7.1

Meeting Date: September 26, 2019

Subject: RydeFreeRT: Free Public Transportation for All Students

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

Division: Student Support Services, Technology Services

Recommendation: N/A

Background/Rationale: SacRT has partnered with the City of Sacramento and SCUSD to offer free fare for students in grades TK through 12 to ride SacRT bus and light rail vehicles. All students within SacRT's service boundaries are eligible for the RydeFreeRT program. The program is available all day, any day of the week, and all year during regular SacRT service hours, and is signified by a special sticker on a student ID.

Access to free transportation services will encourage school attendance by reducing barriers experienced by many of our families each day. Further, the program will allow students to attend afterschool activities, internships and jobs, to access municipal resources, and to participate in the culture and diversity of the City.

The program launches on October 1, 2019 and is set to run for one year from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Board Members are invited to attend and participate in a special launch press event at CK McClatchy on October 1.

Financial Considerations: Reduction in costs associated with the purchase of SacRT transportation passes by schools and programs for students (approximately \$45,000 in FY2018-19).

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

Estimated Time of Presentation: 25 minutes
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Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent