



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.1d

Meeting Date: October 17, 2013

Subject: Approve Mandatory Reporting to the Sacramento County Office of Education – Uniform Complaints Regarding the Williams Settlement Processed for the Period of July through September, 2013

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

Department: Business Services

Recommendation: Approve Mandatory Reporting to the Sacramento County Office of Education – Uniform Complaints Regarding the Williams Settlement Processed for the Period of July through September, 2013.

Background/Rationale: The Williams Settlement Case and Education Code §35186 states that persons may now use the uniform complaint process to file complaints regarding deficiencies in instructional materials, facility problems, and teacher vacancy or mis-assignment. The District is required to report on these complaints to the Superintendent of the Sacramento County Office of Education. The report must contain the number of complaints by general subject area and the number of resolved and unresolved complaints.

In May of 2000, a class action lawsuit was filed which included all K-12 students in California's most deficient schools. During the summer of 2004, the participants settled the Williams v. State of California lawsuit by agreeing to a legislative package that addressed the plaintiff's concerns. The legislative package was adopted as Education Code 35186, the Williams Settlement Act.

The settlement included the requirement that all school districts in California adopt a resolution articulating the changes to their Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Each school district must post the Williams Settlement summary in each classroom which includes the following requirements:

1. There should be sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. Each student, including English learners, must have a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home to complete required homework assignments.
2. School facilities must be clean, safe, and maintained in good repair. If you do not think these requirements are being met, you can obtain a Uniform Complaint Form at the school office or the District Superintendent's office.
3. Teachers assigned to teach a class must hold the proper credentials and be competent to teach the designated subject matter.

Education Code §35186, "a school district shall report summarized data on the—

1. Nature and resolution of all complaints on a quarterly basis to the county superintendent of schools and the governing board of the school district.
2. The summaries shall be publicly reported on a quarterly basis at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board of the school district.
3. The report shall include the number of complaints by general subject area with the number of resolved and unresolved complaints.
4. The complaints and written responses shall be available as public records".

Financial Considerations: NA

Documents Attached:

- 1) Complaint Report – Attachment A-1

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| <p>Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A Submitted by: Ken A. Forrest, Chief Business Officer Approved by: Jonathan P. Raymond, Superintendent</p> |
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Sacramento City Unified School District
 Complaint Report
 Submitted to the Superintendent
 Sacramento County Office of Education
 Pursuant to Education Code 35186

July through September, 2013

| Number of Complaints | Instructional Material | Facilities | Teacher Vacancy and Misassignment | CAHSEE | Resolved | Unresolved |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total: 1 | | | | | | |

The District received 1 Williams Settlement Complaint during the 1st quarter of the 2013-14 School Year:

Date Filed: 9/4/13
 Nature of Williams Complaint: Non-compliance with American's with Disability Act
 Hiram Johnson High School Stadium
 Resolution Status: Pending
 To Be Reported to SCOE: 10/18/13