



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.1

Meeting Date: February 20, 2020

Subject: Safe Schools Review

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

Division: Deputy Superintendent/Safe Schools Department

Recommendation: Update on the School Resource Officer (SRO) activity and related data. Direction of Safe Schools moving forward.

Background/Rationale: The SRO contract was signed and implemented on November 7, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. This contract contained modifications to the number of SRO's assigned to the district. Community and Board members expressed the need to capture functions, student engagement and demographics, to determine the overall impact of the current structure of the SRO program.

Financial Considerations: None

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

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes Submitted by: Lisa Allen, Deputy Superintendent Ray Lozada, Director, Safe Schools Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent</p>

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I. Overview/History of Department or Program

There has been a growing concern within the surrounding community over the past few years regarding police officers stationed at school sites being utilized to address general student discipline and school climate in regard to safety. In our commitment to “Re Imagine School Safety”, it was important to acknowledge community concerns and the value of SRO’s as it relates to their role and contribution to student and staff safety.

The position of Director of the Office of Safe Schools had been vacant since February of 2019. On August 15, 2019, our Board approved the Resource Officer Contract and moved to fill the position of Safe School Director. On November 15, 2019 the Director of Safe Schools was appointed and began serving on December 2, 2019. A request for an update and data presentation was proposed for February 2020.

Our endeavor to develop and implement the innovative strategy of non-school-site-based Resource Officers (“Resource Officers”) throughout the District relies on three Resource Officers and a Sergeant assigned to schools within regions of the District. We work with school administrators and staff on an as-needed basis, utilizing law enforcement officers to collaboratively ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and surrounding community members.

II. Driving Governance

During the August 15, 2019 Board Meeting, the Board Members requested that a modified contract be brought forward for consideration that reduced the number of Resource Officers to three (3) and assigned them to geographical regions as non-school-site-based Resource Officers rather than being stationed at a given site. The term of the contract would be effective through June 30, 2020.

III. Budget

The current contract costs \$563,097. The funding source for the Resource Officer contract is General Fund. The funding source is allocated for salaries, training, overtime and vehicles.

IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures

The goal of the Resource Officers and Director of Safe Schools is to collaboratively work to provide a safe environment so students can focus on educational goals with consideration for the concerns of our community members.

V. Major Initiatives

In partnership with the Director of Safe Schools, the Sergeant and Resource Officers will assist with, including, but not limited to:

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- Assisting in further defining roles and responsibilities of Site Administrators compared to Resource Officers through policy development and implementation
- The development of a more standardized Comprehensive School Safety Plan template
- Safe Routes to Schools planning.
- Develop a regular convening workgroup to fine-tune District safety policies, practices, and planning as outlined during the August 15, 2019 Board meeting.

VI. Results

The District's resources have been acquired and the overall effort set in motion. Results have been captured by data and will be shared with the Board as previously discussed during the August 15, 2019 Board Meeting.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

We will continue to work through challenges with the Sacramento Police Department, staff, community leaders, and the Board. We strive to incorporate practices and develop policies that best serve our staff, students and community members, in an effort to achieve a positive impact on our school climate and overall safety moving forward. The Sacramento City Unified School District acknowledges that working in collaboration is the vehicle to achieving the overarching goals of our district.