

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.8

Meeting Date: February 20, 2020

<u>Subject</u>: Approve Resolution No. 3123: Notice of Layoff: Classified Employees – Reduction in Force Due to Lack of Funds and/or Lack of Work

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

Division: Human Resource Services

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approve Resolution No. 3123 Notice of Layoff: Classified Employees – Reduction in Force Due to Lack of Funds and/or Lack of Work.

<u>Background/Rationale</u>: Based on a lack of work and/or lack of funds, the District will require a reduced number of classified employee positions for the 2020-21 school year. In addition, the District continues to face declining enrollment.

Each year, the District undergoes a process of reviewing available information and engaging in cross-departmental collaborations with school sites to assist in identifying staffing needs for the upcoming school year. These meetings explore:

- 1) Staffing Needs To provide maximum flexibility during this time of uncertain budgetary constraints.
- 2) Funding changes categorical and general funds increase or decrease resulting in the reduction of hours or elimination of a classified position.
- 3) Academic program changes the school site may change an academic focus resulting in the reduction of hours or elimination of a classified position.
- 4) Budget reductions or staffing formula changes due to budgetary reductions and the potential change in staffing formulas, an increase or decrease of hours or elimination of a classified position may occur.

Prior to determining the layoff of classified employees, a review of current vacant positions is conducted. That review enables Human Resource Services staff to assign a displaced employee to a vacant position; therefore, a layoff does not occur. If there are no vacancies, classified employees are noticed for layoff. Meetings with each classified bargaining unit will be scheduled to discuss the effects of layoff.

Under state law, Education Code §§ 45114, 45115, 45117, 45298, and 45308, school districts must provide not less than 60 days' notice to classified employees of a layoff. The notice includes the effective date, displacement rights, if any, and reemployment rights. Resolution No. 3123 and Exhibit A lists the positions that will be laid off for the 2020-21 school year and thereafter.

The District will continue to try and identify alternative solutions for minimal impact on employees of the District. As decisions are made regarding the District's budget for 2020-21, additional funding may become available, new positions may be identified and/or positions that were eliminated may be reinstated.

Financial Considerations: Budget reductions needed to assist in addressing the District's declining enrollment, the elimination of certain funds and staffing needs.

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students, Family and Community Empowerment, Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

- 1. Executive Summary
- 2. Resolution No. 3123
- 3. Exhibit A will be available at the Board meeting.

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes Submitted by: Cancy McArn, Chief Human Resources Officer Human Resource Services Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

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Notice of Layoff: Classified Employees – Reduction in Force Due to Lack of Funds and/or Lack of Work February 20, 2020



I. Overview/History of Department or Program

Resolution No. 3123– Notice of Layoff: Classified Employees – Reduction in Force Due to Lack of Funds and/or Lack of Work proposes to reduce enumerated classified positions due to a lack of work and/or lack of funds.

II. Driving Governance:

- Education Code 45114 "The Governing Board may lay off and reemploy classified employees only in accordance with procedures provided by Sections 45298 and 45308."
- Education Code 45115 "Any person who was subject to being, or was in fact, laid off for lack of work or lack of funds and who elected service retirement from the Public Employees' Retirement System shall be placed on an appropriate reemployment list."
- Education Code 45117 "When, as a result of the expiration of a specially funded program, classified positions must be eliminated at the end of any school year, and classified employees will be subject to layoff for lack of funds [and/or] ¶ [w]hen, as a result of a bona fide reduction or elimination of the service being performed by any department, classified employees shall be subject to layoff not less than 60 days prior to the effective date of layoff, and informed of their displacement rights, if any, and reemployment rights."
- Education Code 45298 "Persons laid off because of lack of work or lack of funds are eligible to reemployment for a period of 39 months and shall be reemployed in preference to new applicants."
- Education Code 45308 "Classified employees shall be subject to layoff for lack of work or lack of funds."

III. Budget:

Position reductions and/or eliminations are needed to assist in addressing the District's declining enrollment, the elimination of certain funds, and staffing needs.

IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

Under state law, Education Code §§ 45114, 45115, 45117, 45298, and 45308, school districts must provide not less than a 60-day notice to classified employees of a layoff for lack of work and/or lack of funds. The notice includes effective date, displacement rights, if any, and reemployment rights. Resolution No. 3123 and Exhibit A list the classified positions that will be laid off for the 2020-21 school year.

V. Major Initiatives:

According to Education Code 45117, as a result of the expiration of a specially funded program, classified positions must be eliminated at the end of the year, and classified employees will be subject to layoff for lack of funds, the employees to be laid off at the end of the school year

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shall be given written notice informing them of their layoff effective at the end of the school year and of their displacement rights, if any, and reemployment rights.

In addition, Education Code 45117 states, in part, due to a bona fide reduction or elimination of the service being performed by any department or school site, classified employees shall be subject to layoff for lack of work and/or lack of funds, affected employees shall be given notice of layoff not less than 60 days prior to the effective date of layoff, and informed of their displacement rights, if any, and reemployment rights.

VI. Results:

Resolution No. 3123 will provide layoff notices to central office and school site classified employees informing them of their layoff effective at the end of the school year. With approval of this resolution, the Chief Human Resources Officer will take all actions to send appropriate notices to all employees whose position shall be affected by layoff.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

Approve Resolution No. 3123 – Notice of Layoff: Classified Employees – Reduction in Force Due to Lack of Funds and/or Lack of Work.

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RESOLUTION NO. 3123

NOTICE OF LAYOFF: CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES – REDUCTION IN FORCE DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS AND/OR LACK OF WORK

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 45114, 45115, 45117, 45298 and 45308 require that notice of layoff for lack of funds and/or lack of work be provided to classified employees and set forth the procedures for laying off and reemploying such employees; and

WHEREAS, due to a bona fide reduction or elimination of the service being performed by any department or school site, classified employees shall be subject to layoff for lack of funds and/or lack of work, and affected employees shall be given notice of layoff not less than 60 days prior to the effective date of layoff, and informed of their displacement rights, if any, and reemployment rights; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended that the positions for the classified employees set forth in Exhibit A be reduced or eliminated for the 2020-2021 school year. The Board of Education directs the Superintendent or his authorized designee to give notice to the affected employees not less than 60 days prior to the effective date of layoff due to a lack of funds and/or lack of work and of their displacement rights, if any, and reemployment rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it shall be necessary, pursuant to the recitals above incorporated by this reference, to eliminate the classified positions listed in Exhibit A as a result of lack of funds and/or lack of work. The Superintendent or his authorized designee is directed to take all appropriate action needed pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Education Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 20th day of February, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

> Jessie Ryan President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

Jorge A. Aguilar Secretary of the Board of Education

EXHIBIT A

WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE BOARD MEETING