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Date: December 19, 2014

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BC NO.	FROM	REGARDING
CBO-32	Gerardo Castillo	Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Update
CBO-33	Carol Mignone Stephen	Reimbursement “Pre-Funding”



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CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - <i>(Check a Box)</i>	No:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date: 12/19/2014
From the Office of the Superintendent						
To the Members of the Board of Education						
Prepared by: Gerardo Castillo, Interim Chief Business Officer and Mary Hardin Young, Area Assitant Superintendent					Contact Email: Gerardo-castillo@scusd.edu mary-hardinyoung@scusd.e	
Subject: Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Update						
<p>The Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) funding was established in 2007 to reduce class size, improve site-based staff development opportunities and increase counseling services. Twelve SCUSD schools were chosen to receive funding originally: eight elementary schools, one K-8, one middle school and two high schools. The total funding to the district was around \$7.5 million per year, and was allocated to the sites based on student enrollment.</p> <p>It became increasingly difficult for schools to meet their QEIA targets over the years, due to diminished funding from the state and SCUSD’s move away from the 20 to 1 class-size reduction at K-3 grades. As schools were exited from QEIA, they received one year of “soft landing funds” from the state settlement. However, the last year of funding for most of our schools was the 2012-13 year.</p> <p>2014-15 is the last year of California’s Quality Education Investment Act and the only SCUSD schools receiving funding are Hiram Johnson and Luther Burbank High Schools. The state is no longer providing the “soft landing funds”. To help create this for the two high schools in 2015-16, afforded to earlier exiting schools, the district will continue to provide partial funding (approximately 74%), utilizing QEIA carryover, for one more year.</p>						
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Prepared by: Carol Mignone Stephen, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources					Contact Email: carolm@scusd.edu	
Subject: Reimbursement "Pre-Funding"						
<p>As Board members are aware, as a result of the changes to retiree health benefits, some retirees who enrolled in Futuris MediCare plans are required to "pre-fund" the first month of their health care account before they receive their reimbursement check from the district. The "pre-funding" is typically between \$200 - \$400.</p> <p>We aren't able to send checks in advance to all retirees because not all plans require the pre-funding and we do not yet know which plan each retiree has enrolled in. Additionally, the approximately 1,300 retirees who have already enrolled would have already had to send their checks in to have enrolled. The district has worked out an arrangement with carriers to allow us, on a case by case basis, to send "pre-funding" checks directly to carriers in advance to ensure coverage on January 1 and mitigate any possible hardship. If you are aware of any cases such as this, please let the HR department know so that they can address it as soon as possible.</p> <p>Many staff are coming in over the holiday break to make these advance payments possible.</p>						
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