



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# _____

Meeting Date: December 19, 2013

Subject: 2014-15 Budget Calendar

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

Division: Business Services

Recommendation: Discuss and approve the Budget Calendar for the 2014-15 Adopted Budget time line.

Background/Rationale: While the 2013-14 budget is currently balanced, there are unknowns regarding the final budget for this fiscal year and, until the Governor's budget is provided, the impact on the 2014-15 and 2015-16 budgets are unknown as well. The attached calendar reflects estimated time lines for major activities to ensure a balanced budget on or before July 1, 2014.

Financial Considerations: Education Code section 42127 requires that a balanced budget is submitted on or before July 1 of each fiscal year.

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary
2. Budget Calendar

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 Minutes

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I. OVERVIEW/HISTORY:

In October 1991, Governor Wilson signed into law Assembly Bill 1200 which became effective on January 1, 1992, allowing school districts to choose one of two methods for the approval of their local budgets. Our district has selected the single budget adoption process which requires a school district to conduct its public hearing and adopt its final budget on or before July 1 of each year. The selection of the single budget adoption process further requires a district to make available for public review, within 45 days of the Governor's signing of the state budget, revisions in revenue and expenditures that reflect the funding made available by the State Budget Act.

The process of developing a school district budget is an ongoing function that must be addressed by the Board and administration throughout the school year. In order to effectively develop a fiscal document that reflects the goals and objectives of the school district, the budget process must include a well-defined Budget Calendar outlining when specific activities will be completed.

Although there are numerous deadlines used in the development of the 2014-15 budget, the calendar highlights the main steps, specifically those involving the Board.

II. Driving Governance:

- Education Code section 42126 states that each budget shall be made on the number of forms or in the format prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Education Code section 42127 requires that on or before July 1 of each year, the Governing Board of each school district shall hold a public hearing on the budget, adopt a budget and, within five days, file that budget with the county superintendent of schools.

III. Budget:

While the 2013-14 budget is currently balanced, the state budget is based on uncertainty. Outyear budgets will gain clarity as the Governor's budget is released and the May Revise is issued. The Budget Calendar will guide timelines for specific activities that need to take place once state budget information is known.

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IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

Follow the timeline for budget reductions to ensure a balanced 2014-15 budget.

V. Major Initiatives:

Use the Budget Calendar to help guide budget development for 2014-15.

VI. Results:

Budget development for 2014-15 will follow the calendar approved by the Board. Required Board actions will take place in order to ensure a balanced Adopted Budget is in place on or before July 1, 2014.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

- Follow the approved calendar with adjustments made as necessary.
- Continue to monitor the state budget and its impact on the district's finances.
- Follow the requirements of the Local Control Accountability Plan.
- Continue to engage stakeholders in the budget development process through a community survey and community budget meetings.

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<p>December 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Budget Meeting - Albert Einstein • Board Approval of First Interim Report/Brief Budget Update • Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) • LCFF/LCAP Community Meeting (Future LCAP Meetings will be determined) • Present Calendar to Board for Approval 	<p>December 4 December 12 December 12 December 16 December 19</p>
<p>January 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor's Budget Workshop and Budget Recommendations • Staff Review of Governor's Budget Proposal and potential impact • Board Budget Update 	<p>January 17 January 23</p>
<p>February 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential 2014-15 Budget Reductions to Board for Conference • Board Action on 2014-15 Recommended Budget Reductions 	<p>February 6 February 20</p>
<p>March 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificated Lay Off Notices to Meet March 15 Deadline if Needed • Board Approval of Second Interim Report 	<p>March 6 March 20</p>
<p>April 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classified Lay Off Notices if Needed 	<p>April 3</p>
<p>May 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor's "May Revise" Report • Board Discussion of the Projected "May Revise" and Approval of the Final 2014-15 Budget Balancing Recommendations if Needed 	<p>Early May May 15</p>
<p>June 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Approval of Third Interim Report • Public Hearing and Adoption of 2014-15 LCAP and Proposed Budget 	<p>June 5 June 19</p>