



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 1011

Meeting Date: June 2, 2011

Subject: Public Hearing Prior to Approval of California Department of Education Waiver Request: QEIA Average Class Size, 9th Grade at Luther Burbank High School

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

Learning Support Unit/Department: Accountability Office

Recommendation: Conduct Public Hearing prior to approval of California Department of Education Waiver Request: QEIA Average Class Size, 9th Grade at Luther Burbank High School

Background/Rationale:

The QEIA Grant requires a public hearing prior to waiver approval.

The QEIA Grant requires participating schools to reduce class size averages in the math, science, English and social science classes at each grade level to a maximum of twenty five or reduce the average by five, whichever is lower. Luther Burbank has achieved that threshold at the 10th grade (20.55), 11th grade (21.52), and 12th grade (22.18) levels. While the school has reduced the average class size in 9th grade from 20.6 to 17.6 for the 2010-11 school year, we do not have sufficient funds to reach the required 15.6 average.

The very low 9th grade threshold of 15.6 is due to the fact that the school had already been implementing state and federal class size reduction money to get to the 20.6 base level. The school did not anticipate that state and federal CSR funds would end nor did we anticipate that the school district would increase the class size ratio funding formula resulting in fewer general fund teachers being allocated to the site. The QEIA funds, without the additional funding or formula assistance, have served to significantly reduce class size but not to the required goal of 15.6 for 9th grade classes.

Luther Burbank High School is committed to continued implementation of the QEIA program, in which significant gains on the API have already been realized. The school is requesting that the State Board of Education support the school's efforts, and allow for an adjusted ninth-grade QEIA target of 18.6.

Financial Considerations: Loss of QEIA funds if waiver is not granted.

Documents Attached:

1. Notice of Public Hearing

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

Submitted by: Mary Hardin Young, Area Assistant Superintendent

Approved by: Mary C. Shelton, Chief Accountability Officer



*Notice of Public Hearing
of the Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education to Approve a Request for Waiver to the California
Department of Education Regarding QEIA Average Class Size for
9th Grade at Luther Burbank High School*

Date: **June 2, 2011**

Location: **Serna Center
Community Conference
Rooms, 5735 47th Avenue
Sacramento, California**

Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will take place at the above date, location, and time (or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard) regarding the Sacramento City Unified School District's waiver request to the California Department of Education regarding class size average for specified 9th grade courses at Luther Burbank High School pursuant to the Quality in Education Investment Act (QEIA).

Any person interested in the above waiver request may appear at the public hearing and give public comment on the proposed waiver request to the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education at its regular meeting held on June 2, 2011 as set forth above.

For further information, please contact Mary Hardin Young, Area Assistant Superintendent, at (916) 643-9009.