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SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, California 95131-2398

AGENDA

Special Meeting #2074-S1

March 10, 2011

Location: Pathfinder Community School

3550 Snell Avenue, San Jose, CA

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call (Including Action on Absences if Necessary)

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Adoption of Agenda

2. Hearing of Persons Desiring to Address the Board or to Present Petitions

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3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. The Santa Clara County Board of Education will hold a Public Hearing to gather public input for plans to improve the Alternative Education program based upon the recommendations from the 2010 WestEd Study and Report on the Alternative Education Department.

4. Adjournment

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Ridder Park Drive, San Jose. For Board agendas and meeting minutes please see our website at www.sccoe.org

Santa Clara County Board of Education

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Santa Clara County Board of Education will hold public hearings to gather public input for plans to improve the Alternative Education program based upon the recommendations from the 2010 WestEd Study and Report on the Alternative Education Department. These hearings will be held on the following dates:

Public Hearing: Thursday, March 10, 2011, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Pathfinder Academy Community School
3550 Snell Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136

Public Hearing: Thursday, March 17, 2011, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Odyssey Community School
100 North Street, San Martin, 95046

Parents, staff, and community members are invited to participate in the above public hearings. The Santa Clara County Board of Education recently contracted with West Ed to conduct a study of the Alternative Education Department and make recommendations for improving the program. The report made seven recommendations:

1. For SCCOE's Alternative Education Department reform to be successful, reform should proceed from the ground up and be teacher based.
2. SCCOE should spearhead the coordination of services among a greater number of community agencies and individuals invested in improving circumstances for alternative education students.
3. WestEd suggests that SCCOE develop a coordinated system of service delivery so that all staff, students, parents, and referring districts are aware of the supports available.
4. SCCOE should create a stronger sense of community in its Alternative Education Department.
5. To ensure fidelity of curriculum implementation, SCCOE should consider slowing down the training and implementation schedule of the new curriculum.
6. SCCOE needs to create more positive relationships among staff and between staff and students.
7. WestEd strongly encourages SCCOE to develop a plan based on some of the findings and actionable recommendations presented in this report to guide the Alternative Education Department efforts moving forward.

As part of its consideration of the report and recommendations, the Board seeks input from stakeholder groups on the program and the report recommendations.

Child care and translation services will be available.

Mesa Directiva de la Oficina de Educación del Condado de Santa Clara

Notificación de Audiencias Públicas

Bajo la dirección de la Mesa Directiva de la Oficina de Educación del Condado de Santa Clara se llevarán a cabo audiencias públicas para solicitar la opinión del público sobre los planes para mejorar el programa de Educación Alternativa basado sobre las recomendaciones del estudio 2010 de WestEd e informe del Departamento de Educación Alternativa. Estas audiencias públicas se llevarán a cabo en las siguientes fechas:

Audiencia Pública: Jueves 10 de marzo del 2011, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Pathfinder Academy Community School
3550 Snell Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136

Audiencia Pública: Jueves 17 de marzo del 2011, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Odyssey Community School
100 North Street, San Martin, 95046

Se invita a los padres, el personal, y los miembros de la comunidad a que participen en las audiencias públicas antes mencionadas. La Mesa Directiva de la Oficina de Educación del Condado de Santa Clara recientemente hizo un contrato junto con WestEd para conducir un estudio sobre el Departamento de Educación Alternativa y dar recomendaciones para mejorar dicho programa. El estudio hizo las siguientes siete recomendaciones:

1. Para que la reforma del Departamento de Educación Alternativa de SCCOE tenga éxito, la reforma deberá proceder desde los cimientos y ser basada conforme a los maestros.
2. SCCOE debe encabezar la coordinación de servicios entre un mayor número de agencias y de individuos de la comunidad invertidos en la mejora de las circunstancias para los estudiantes de educación alternativa.
3. WestEd sugiere que SCCOE desarrolle un sistema coordinado para suministrar servicios de modo que todo el personal, los estudiantes, los padres, y distritos referidos estén conscientes de los servicios disponibles.
4. SCCOE debe crear un sentido de comunidad más fuerte en su Departamento de Educación Alternativa.
5. Para asegurar la fidelidad de la aplicación del plan de estudios, SCCOE debe considerar el disminuir el paso del curso del entrenamiento y aplicación del nuevo plan de estudios.
6. SCCOE necesita crear relaciones más positivas con el personal y entre el mismo personal y los estudiantes.
7. WestEd anima a SCCOE para que desarrolle un plan basado en algunos de los resultados y recomendaciones presentados en este informe para dirigir los esfuerzos del Departamento de Educación Alternativa de aquí en adelante.

Como parte de su consideración del informe y de las recomendaciones, la Mesa Directiva busca el aporte de grupos de interés sobre el programa y sobre las recomendaciones del informe.

Servicios para cuidado infantil y servicios de interpretación en su idioma estarán disponibles.