September 17, 2014

TO: Santa Clara County Board of Education
FROM: Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D., Chief Schools Officer
Student Services Branch
VIA: Jon R. Gundry, County Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Conduct a Public Hearing and Request Adoption of Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Associated Goal
Goal 1: Improve student equity and reduce access discrepancies to high quality education

Background
Education Code 60119 requires that, in order to receive instructional materials funding, the Board of Education must hold a public hearing each year to determine whether students have sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. Further, the Board of Education must affirm in a resolution that sufficient supplies exist at all sites operated by the Santa Clara County Office of Education and that it has adopted textbooks and instructional materials that are consistent with the state curricular frameworks and standards.

Education Code 60119 was amended recently to implement the provisions of the Williams Settlement. The amendment extends the definition of “sufficient textbooks or instructional materials” to mean that each pupil, including English learners, has textbooks and instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home.

Principals in Alternative Education undertook a review and determined that they have sufficient textbooks and instructional materials. Principals in Special Education have determined that they will need to order various textbooks and materials to be sufficient. As required by law, these textbooks and materials are expected to arrive at the schools on or before the eighth week of school for each respective site.

Requested Action
Conduct a public hearing and adopt the resolution regarding sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials

A list of the textbooks and instructional materials is available for viewing in the office of the Chief Schools Officer, Student Services Branch. It will also be available for public viewing the night of the Board meeting.
Resolution Regarding the Sufficiency
of Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Alternative Education and Special Education Departments

Resolution No. ________

WHEREAS, the governing board of the Santa Clara County Board of Education, in order to comply with the requirements of Education Code 60119, held a public hearing on September 17, 2014 at approximately 5:00 p.m., which is on or before the eighth week of school and which did not take place during or immediately following school hours; and

WHEREAS, the governing board provided at least ten days notice of the public hearing posted in at least three public places within the county that stated the time, place, and purpose of the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the governing board encouraged participation by parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders in the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, information provided at the public hearing and to the governing board at the public meeting detailed the extent to which textbooks and instructional materials were provided to all students, including English learners, in the district/county office of education; and

WHEREAS, the definition of “sufficient textbooks or instructional materials” means that each pupil has a textbook or instructional materials, or both, to use in class and to take home; and

WHEREAS, sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners, in mathematics, science, history-social science, and English/language arts, including the English language development component of an adopted program, consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks; and

WHEREAS, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials were provided to each pupil enrolled in foreign language or health classes; and

WHEREAS, sufficient laboratory science equipment was provided for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12, inclusive;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Santa Clara County Office of Education has provided each pupil in the Alternative Education and Special Education Departments with sufficient textbooks and instructional materials consistent with the cycles and content of the curriculum frameworks.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at its meeting on September 17, 2014.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

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Leon Beauchman, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education

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Jon R. Gundry
County Superintendent of Schools
Santa Clara County Office of Education