Date: November 5, 2014

TO: Santa Clara County Board of Education

FROM: Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D. Chief Schools Officer

VIA: Jon R. Gundry, County Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Request Approval of a Contribution to Educare of California at Silicon Valley (ECSV)

Associated Goal
Goal 1: Improve student equity and reduce access discrepancies to high quality education.
Goal 2: Provide support to districts, communities, schools, and students

Background
Educare schools, a network of more than 20 programs across the country, provide a comprehensive, high quality early childhood education and family support program shown to prevent the achievement gap from opening for the most at-risk children. Educare of California at Silicon Valley (ECSV) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports and coordinates the development of the first Educare school in California, to be located in the Santee neighborhood of east San José in the Franklin-Mckinley School District.

Educare of California at Silicon Valley (ECSV) is a partnership of the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE), FIRST 5 Santa Clara County, Franklin-McKinley School District, East Side Union High School District, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Buffett Early Childhood Fund, First 5 California and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. The partners, the Santa Clara County Board of Education, the County of Santa Clara, philanthropies, corporations and individual donors have raised the overwhelming majority of funds necessary for the facility, operations, playground equipment, classroom materials, and teacher training and construction of the facility is underway.

SCCOE will have the lead role in the operations of the Educare school. SCCOE will locate 4 Head Start classrooms, serving 80 children aged 4-5 years, and 4 State Preschool Program classrooms, serving 56 children ages 18 months to 5 years, at the Educare school. SCCOE will also provide family support staff, custodial and enrollment support, and will serve as the lead agency coordinating the activities and programs of other agencies co-located at the Educare site for the benefit of the students and families served by the SCCOE. These activities include a
Family Resource Center, Early Childhood Education Career Academy for local high school students, Professional Development Institute for early childhood education professionals, and a range of professional development, quality improvement program improvement initiatives, curriculum development, special education, parent advocacy and healthy development. The Santa Clara County Office of Education and the Santa Clara County Board of Education have formalized their involvement and support for this project through a number of agreements:

- On September 15, 2010 the Santa Clara County Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution in support of the establishment of an Educare school in Santa Clara County;
- On September 26, 2011, the SCCOE entered an agreement to establish and operate Educare of California at Silicon Valley (the “Local Partnership Agreement”);
- On June 26, 2012, the SCCOE executed a Memorandum of Agreement with the other operating partners detailing the operational and program commitments each partner agreed to undertake (the “Memorandum of Agreement”);
- On July 18, 2013, the SCCOE and FIRST 5 Santa Clara County executed a Memorandum of Understanding whereby SCCOE committed to provide up to an additional $750,000 annually, beyond funding provided by the Head Start and State Preschool programs, for Educare school staffing/human resources provided by SCCOE staff, up to a maximum total SCCOE contribution of $1,500,000, and FIRST 5 Santa Clara County provided an additional $1,500,000 of its funds to construct the ECSV building;
- On June 20, 2014, SCCOE and ECSV entered into a Shared Use Agreement that allows SCCOE the use of 8 classrooms and shared areas of the facility (e.g. restrooms, circulation, playgrounds) to operate early childhood education and other programs in return for paying its proportionate share (47%, based on square footage) of facility costs (e.g. utilities, building insurance). SCCOE is not required to pay rent for this space.

ECSV is requesting that the SCCOE make a financial contribution of $275,000.00 toward the construction of the ECSV facility and that $100,000.00 of these funds would be restricted for the purposes of the remediation of naturally-occurring asbestos found on site during construction.

The Student Services Branch of the SCCOE will use the ECSV facility as a support to its student programming. Specifically:

- 168 children, all of whom will receive early childhood education programming supported by SCCOE Head Start program funding and 136 of whom will be directly served by SCCOE Head Start and State Preschool programs, will receive early childhood education services in this facility;
• Staff from SCCOE Head Start and State Preschool programs will receive professional development in early childhood education best practices at the Professional Development Institute located on site;
• SCCOE staff - 24 classroom staff (teachers, associate teachers and classroom aides) and 4 family supports staff – will work on site;

Additionally, the programs operating at the ECSV facility are aligned with the SCCOE Region V California Preschool Instructional Network, the Inclusion Collaborative, Early Start program, and Goals 1 and 2 of the SCCOE.

Fiscal Implications
It is recommended that any Santa Clara County Office of Education funds directed by the Board of Education to be a contribution to this project come from the Facilities Fund.

If the Board of Education chooses to contribute an amount more than $175,000 then an amount not to exceed $100,000.00 could be restricted for the purposes of the remediation of naturally-occurring asbestos found on site during construction.

Requested Action
Approve a contribution to Educare of California at Silicon Valley (ECSV)
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Educare of California at Silicon Valley Update to the Santa Clara County Board of Education

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Overview

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Network

A national network of high quality, full-day, full-year 0-5 model ECE programs
Program: Educare School

School: 12 classrooms, 168 children
- 4 COE Head Start (80 children 3-5)
- 4 COE State Preschool (56 children 0-5)
- 4 ESUHSD CDP (32 children 0-3)

243 days/year, 9.5h/day, 3 staff/class

Plus 3 coaches and 4 family support staff
Program: Professional Development Institute

- Training for ECSV school staff
- Training for ECE providers county-wide
Program: Career Academy

- Linked Learning for ESUHSD students
- Post-secondary credits (DeAnza Community College)
Program: Family Resource Center

- Early literacy and arts, health resources
- Open to the community
Facility: Design
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PHASE 2 EXPANSION
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Can We Answer Any Questions for You?

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