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TO: Santa Clara County Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Discussion/Action on Annual Board Compensation Increase per California Code 1090

Associated Goal

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

Background

Board Bylaw 9250(a) allows that “Board members shall each be entitled to receive the sum per month approved by the Board and consistent with California law.” California Education Code 1090 provides that, “On an annual basis, the county board of education may increase the compensation of individual board members beyond the limits delineated in this section, in an amount not to exceed 5 percent based on the monthly rate of compensation. Any increase made pursuant to this section shall be effective upon approval by the county board of education.”

Fiscal Implications

Increasing the board compensation, effective January 1, 2015, would increase current board compensation from $718.35 to $754.27 per month. This is an increase of $35.92/per month per member and an increase of $431.04/per year per member. If all board members elect to take the increase, it would be a budget increase of $3,017.28 per year for all seven members.