

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: BSEP Planning & Oversight Committee
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SUBJECT: 2015-2016 Single Plans for Student Achievement

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Berkeley Public Schools Educational Excellence Act of 2006 (Measure A of 2006) allocates 10.25% of the available revenues annually for School Discretionary Funds:

“The School Governance Council shall develop recommendations to allocate these revenues for the personnel, services and materials required to deliver effective activities leading to improved student performance.” (Section 2.B.i)

The California Department of Education requires every school participating in school based categorical programs to have a Board-approved Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) that must be revised annually based on current student data.

The principal at each site worked with School Governance Councils (SGCs) to develop a comprehensive plan for the school, beginning with a review of student data from previous years, with the assistance of the Berkeley Research Evaluation and Assessment (BREA) Office. In addition, SGCs had access to a new District Survey, which consisted of 15 questions (five of them demographic) that focused primarily on LCAP goals. Some schools opted to link a site-specific survey to the District Survey, including no more than ten additional questions to determine more specific needs and goals. Three sites chose to send the District Survey without further expansion, opting to determine community feedback by other means.

After reviewing the District’s goals, each School Governance Council (SGC) then developed an action plan and identified strategies to address school needs, using Federal Title I funds, EIA Carryover funds, BSEP Site Discretionary 0 Td()Tj(fc(otBhG slight augmentations, enabling SGCs to determine their own priorities with more clarity than the prior first year of the new Local Control Funding Formula.

The total budget for these site plans is \$2,696,938, of which BSEP Site Discretionary Funds provides \$2,374,060. The BSEP funds were provided based on a per-pupil allocation of \$230, just as in 2014-15. Enrollment

changes meant that some sites received significantly less money to support their plans, while some growing sites received more than in prior years.

The 2015-16 Consolidated School Plan for Student Achievement for each middle and high school (and the BSEP Plan for Berkeley High School and the Independent Study Program) will be submitted to the Board June 24, 2015. A summary of all site plans is attached, and a copy of the comprehensive plan and summary will be available in the Superintendent's Conference Room for public viewing.