

Memorandum

FROM: Clifton L. Hinote, Director of High Schools

TO: Mr. Tim Wyrosdick, Superintendent of Schools, Board Members

DATE: April 16, 2013

RE: Summer Session

As you are aware, the Department of Education has added three end of course assessments to the graduation requirements of our students. If our students do not demonstrate proficiency on each of these assessments (exception- the U.S. History EOC), we are required to provide remediation coursework for these students. Once a student demonstrates proficiency (by passing the EOC), they are no longer required to participate in any remediation effort. Based upon our current six period day schedule, many students are finding it difficult to complete their remediation efforts and their regular core course requirements. Therefore, we would like to offer the following remediation classes during a Summer Session. Please consider approving the following funding to support the much needed Summer Session.

Algebra I Remediation

The ninth grade cohort (taking Algebra I) is required to take and pass the Algebra I EOC. If these students are not successful on this assessment, they will not be awarded the Algebra I credit needed for graduation purposes. Therefore, in all likelihood, we will have a backlog of students who have not passed the EOC and are in need of the required remediation. I am proposing we provide the remediation course work in the Summer Session, thereby, preparing students to take the Algebra I EOC during the summer (July 30-31). If they are successful on this EOC (credit earned), they will be prepared to maintain the appropriate math sequence for the following school year. Five to seven Mathematics teachers will be employed to provide this mathematics instruction at our high schools.

Funding needed:

Certified Math teachers (9-12) 17 days @ 4hrs/day=68 hours (8:30-12:30)

Classes begin June 27 and extent to July 25 (4 weeks) M-Tr

EOC retake July 30 & 31

Estimated cost \$23,000

Biology 1 Remediation

Those students taking Biology I are required to take and pass the Biology I EOC (certain cohorts). If these students are not successful on this assessment, they will not be awarded the Biology I credit needed for graduation purposes. Therefore, in all likelihood, we will have a backlog of students who have not passed the EOC and are in need of the required remediation. I am proposing we provide the remediation course work in the Summer Session, thereby, preparing students to take the Biology I EOC during the summer (July 25 & 29). If they are successful on this EOC (credit earned), they will be prepared to maintain the appropriate science sequence for the following school year. Five to seven Science teachers will be employed to provide this biology instruction at our high schools.

Funding needed:

Certified Science teachers (9-12) 17 days @ 4hrs/day=68 hours (8:30-12:30)

Classes begin June 26 and extend to July 24 (4 weeks) M-Tr

EOC retake July 25 & 29

Estimated cost \$23,000

Geometry 1 Remediation

Those students taking Geometry I are required to take and pass the Geometry I EOC (certain cohorts). If these students are not successful on this assessment, they will not be awarded the Geometry I credit needed for graduation purposes. Therefore, in all likelihood, we will have a backlog of student who have not passed the EOC and are in need of the required remediation. I am proposing we provide the remediation course work in the Summer Session, thereby, preparing students to take the Geometry I EOC during the summer (August 1 & August 2). If they are successful on this EOC (credit earned), they will be prepared to maintain the appropriate Math sequence for the following school year. Five to seven Mathematics teachers will be employed to provide this Geometry instruction at our high schools.

Funding needed:

Certified Math teachers (9-12) 17 days @ 4hrs/day=68 hours (8:30-12:30)

Classes begin July 1 and extend to July 29 (4 weeks) M-Tr

EOC retake August 1 & August 2

Estimated cost \$23,000

Course/Credit Recovery

We plan to offer recovery opportunities at twelve District secondary schools (middle & high). We will utilize the Compass Learning Program at each of these school sites. A Paraprofessional will be employed to facilitate each school lab.

Funding needed:

Paraprofessional/Teacher Assistant 24 days @ 6hrs/day=144 hours (**High School**)

5 high schools

Lab. open June 24-August 1 (6 wks.) (8:30-12:00/1-3:30)

16 days @ 4 hrs/day=64 hours (**Middle School**)

Lab. open June 24-July 18 (4 wks.)

7 middle schools

Estimated costs \$28,000

PERT/CPT Remediation (Math)

For those students not meeting the established cut scores (Math) on the PERT/CPT, they are required to participate in remediation efforts prior to the next retake. We would like to offer a 2.5 week session to prepare these students for this retake.

Funding needed:

Math teacher (certified 9-12) 11 days @ 4 hrs/day=44 hours (8:30-12:30)@ 5 high schools

Class begins July 8-July 18 (2.5 weeks)

PERT/CPT retake July 24

Estimated costs \$10,000

Graduation Credit Completion through Santa Rosa Adult

Our Student Progression Plan allows seniors, who have completed all but two credits of their graduation requirements, to participate in their commencement exercises. However, these students are expected to complete these remaining credits in the summer immediately following their senior year. We would like to continue to offer this course work on our Santa Rosa Adult School campus (Milton) and on a south end campus.

Funding needed:

Estimated cost \$8,000

EOC/PERT/CPT assessment administration

Funding needed:

Guidance Counselors 7 days @ 3 hrs/day=21 hours (1 counselor @ each site=5 total)

Estimated Cost \$5,000

Transportation

It is our desire to provide every student, if possible, the opportunity to participate in our Summer Session. Many students will not have this opportunity unless transportation is provided to some extent. It is our intent to provide a limited number of centralized pick-up/drop-off locations within the designated bus routes for a particular school. We anticipate the use of 12-14 buses during the Summer Session.

Estimated cost \$24,000

Total estimated cost for the Summer Session \$144,000

Your consideration/approval of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Clifton (Buddy) Hinote

Director of High Schools

