

## **Memorandum**

FROM: Clifton L. Hinote, Director of High Schools

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

DATE: April 14, 2014

RE: Summer Session

As you are aware, the Department of Education continues to have the graduation requirement of students passing the Algebra 1 End of course assessment. Although our students have of recent demonstrated an increased proficiency on this assessment, we do have a number of students that will need remediation to move them to a level of proficiency. 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 continue to offer the Algebra 1 EOC remediation class at all our high school locations during the Summer Session. Please consider approving the following funding to support the much needed Summer Session.

### **Algebra I Remediation**

The current 2013-14 ninth grade cohort (taking Algebra I) is required to take the Algebra 1 End of course assessment with it counting 30% of their final grade in the Algebra 1 course. In addition these students are required to pass this EOC for graduation purposes. If these students are not successful by their graduation date, they will receive a certificate of completion. We, in all likelihood, 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 22nd). If they are successful on this EOC, they will be prepared to maintain the appropriate math sequence for the following school year. Six to seven certified 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)

(1 teacher at each school) Classes begin June 16 and extend to July 21 (4 weeks) M-Tr

June 30<sup>th</sup> -July 3<sup>rd</sup> (no classes will be scheduled)

EOC retake July 22nd

Estimated Cost \$30,000

### **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. All Compass Learning recovery coursework has to be completed by July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Funding needed:

Paraprofessional/Teacher Assistant	20 days @ 6hrs/day=120 hours ( <b><u>High School</u></b> )
(1 paraprofessional at each school)	6 high schools Labs open June 16-July 24 (5 wks.)
	Time (8:30-12:00/1-3:30) (Labs closed June 30 <sup>th</sup> -July 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
	16 days @ 4 hrs/day=64 hours ( <b><u>Middle School</u></b> )
	Lab. open June 16-July 17 (Labs closed June 30 <sup>th</sup> -July 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
	7 middle schools
	Total of 13 paraprofessionals <u>Estimated cost \$30,000</u>

### **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. All coursework needs to be completed by July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Funding needed:

Estimated cost \$8,000

### **Guidance Counselors to administer EOC make-ups**

We will need one guidance counselor at each school to serve as EOC assessment administration coordinator. The following dates have been tentatively set for the make-up EOCs.

Algebra 1 EOC July 22nd U.S. History EOC July 23rd Biology EOC July 24<sup>th</sup> Geometry EOC July 25<sup>th</sup>

Funding needed: 1 counselor at each high school @ 3hours/day for 4 days= 12 hours

Estimated cost \$3,500

### **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 \$28,500

**Total estimated cost for the Summer Session \$100,000**

This total represents a \$44,000 reduction in cost from the 2013 Summer Session estimate.

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

Clifton (Buddy) Hinote

Director of High Schools