

Memorandum

FROM: Clifton L. Hinote, Director of High Schools

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

DATE: March 31, 2015

RE: Summer Session

As you are aware, the Department of Education continues to require students to pass the Algebra 1 End of Course assessment for graduation purposes. 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 math 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/P.E.R.T. 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 2013-14 and 2014-15 ninth grade cohorts (taking Algebra IB or Algebra I) are 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. If they are successful on this EOC, they will be prepared to maintain the appropriate math sequence for the following school year. 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 15 and extend to July 20 (4 weeks) M-Thur.

June 29th -July 3rd (no classes will be scheduled)

EOC retake July 20th

Course/Credit Recovery

We plan to offer recovery opportunities at thirteen 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 27th.

Funding needed:

Paraprofessional/Teacher Assistant	20 days @ 6hrs/day=120 hours (<u>High School</u>)
(1 paraprofessional at each school)	6 high schools Labs open June 15-July 23 (5 wks.)
	Time (8:30-12:00/1-3:30) (Labs closed June 29 th -July 3 rd)
	16 days @ 4 hrs/day=64 hours (<u>Middle School</u>)
	Lab. open June 15-July 16 (Labs closed June 29 th -July 3 rd)
	7 middle schools
	Total of 13 paraprofessionals

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 27th.

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/P.E.R.T. July 20th & 21st

Funding needed: 1 counselor at each high school (3 hours/day for 2 days= 6 hours)

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.

Total estimated cost for the Summer Session \$95,000

This total represents a \$5,000 reduction in cost from the 2014 Summer Session estimate.

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

Clifton (Buddy) Hinote

Director of High Schools