

## **Memorandum**

FROM: Jason W. Weeks, Director of High Schools

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

DATE: March 17, 2016

RE: Summer Session

The Department of Education continues to require students to pass the Algebra 1 End of Course assessment for graduation purposes. We have a number of students that will need remediation to move them to a level of satisfactory. Once a student demonstrates a satisfactory level (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**

All 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 13 and extend to July 18 (4 weeks) M-Thur.**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> -July 8th (no classes will be scheduled)**

**EOC retake July 19th**

Estimated Cost- \$30,000

### 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 26th.

Funding needed:

**Paraprofessional/Teacher Assistant      20 days @ 6hrs/day=120 hours (High School)**

**(1 paraprofessional at each school)      6 high schools      Labs open June 13-July 21 (5 wks.)**

**Time (8:30-12:00/1-3:30) (Labs closed July 1<sup>st</sup> -July 8th)**

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

**Labs open June 13 -July 14 (Labs closed July 1<sup>st</sup> -July 8th)**

**7 middle schools**

**Total of 13 paraprofessionals      Estimate Cost- \$30,000**

### 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. All coursework needs to be completed by July 26th.

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/P.E.R.T. July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Funding needed: 1 counselor at each high school (3 hours/day for 2 days= 6 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 8-10 buses during the Summer Session.

Estimated Cost- \$23,500

<b><u>Algebra I remediation</u></b>	<b><u>30,000</u></b>
<b><u>Course/Credit Recovery</u></b>	<b><u>30,000</u></b>
<b><u>Santa Rosa Adult</u></b>	<b><u>8,000</u></b>
<b><u>Guidance Counselors</u></b>	<b><u>3,500</u></b>
<b><u>Transportation</u></b>	<b><u>23,500</u></b>

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

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



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