

Memorandum

FROM: Jason W. Weeks, Director of High Schools

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

DATE: February 25, 2020

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 for current 2016-17 and 2017-18 graduation cohorts. The 2018-19 and 2019-20 graduation cohorts may not use P.E.R.T. scores for concordance. However, these students still need remediation for the Algebra 1 EOC re-take or PSAT, SAT, ACT concordance. Please consider approving the following funding to support this 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. 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 Mon. June 8 and extend to Mon. July 13 (4 weeks) M-Thur.

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

EOC retake Tues. July 14th

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 16th.

Funding needed:

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

(1 paraprofessional at each school) 6 high schools Labs open June 8-July 16 (5 wks.) M- Thurs.

Time (8:30-12:30/1:30-3:30) (Labs closed June 29- July 3rd)

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

Labs open June 8 -July 9 (Labs closed June 29- July 3rd)M- Thurs.

7 middle schools

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

Middle School Acceleration

Advanced students will complete summer coursework through Compass Learning for standards they will be skipping when they accelerate the following school year. (For example, 6th grade Adv. Students will take coursework regarding 7th Grade Adv. standards before accelerating into Algebra 1 in 7th grade.) We plan to offer opportunities for students to ask questions regarding their Compass Learning coursework at seven district middle schools and two combination schools. A Teacher will be employed once a week to assist students who are completing summer coursework. All Compass Learning acceleration coursework must be completed by July 16th.

Funding needed:

Teacher 5 days @ 4hrs/day=20 hours (**Middle School**)

(1 teacher at each school) 7 middle schools/2 combination schools Labs open June 8-July 16

(5 wks.) M- Thurs.

Time (8:30-12:30) (Labs closed June 29th- July 3rd)

Total of 9 teachers- Estimate Cost- \$7,000 increase of 1,000 for the 2 combinations schools.

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 June 25th.

Estimated Cost- \$13,000- an increase of 500. This increase provides more opportunities for students to meet graduation requirements.

Guidance Assessment Assistants or School Counselors to administer EOC make-ups

We will need one guidance assessment assistant or school counselor (based on availability) 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 13th & 14th

Funding needed: 1 guidance assessment assistant/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

<u>Algebra I remediation-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
<u>Course/Credit Recovery-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
<u>Middle School Acceleration-</u>	<u>7,000</u>
<u>Santa Rosa Adult-</u>	<u>13,000</u>
<u>School Counselors-</u>	<u>3,500</u>
<u>Transportation-</u>	<u>23,500</u>

Total estimated cost for the Summer Session \$107,000

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



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