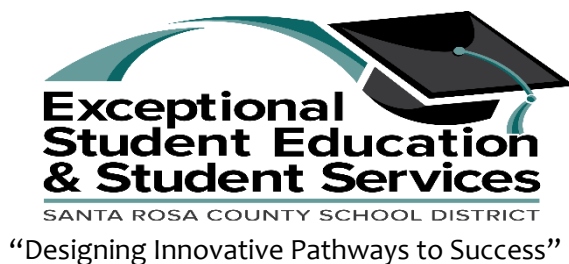


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Dr. Karen Barber
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6032 Highway 90
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Re: Reallocation of National Flight Academy funding for the Gifted Program.

Dear Dr. Barber,

At the July 8, 2021, School Board Meeting, the annual funding request of \$50,000 for students in the gifted program to attend the National Flight Academy was approved. Unfortunately, the National Flight Academy decided to delay the re-opening of this program another year due to reasons related to COVID.

I would like to request the reallocation of this funding to the provision of compensatory services. During the first few months of the 2021-2022 school year, the gifted program had a shortage of gifted endorsed teachers. This shortage created a lack of service provision as noted in the students Educational Plan. According to federal regulations, those service minutes must be recouped, and service provided.

Attached is the proposal, including the project costs, to provide the compensatory services to the 186 gifted elementary students who were affected by the teacher shortage. We are excited to be able to provide his hands-on STEAM curriculum to our students. The Intervention Convention Curriculum is not only held in high esteem in the United States but is utilized in Mexico, Singapore, and China.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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