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Memo

To Board of Education

From Tony Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent
Jennifer LeBarre, Director, Nutrition Services

Board Meeting Date June 9, 2010

Action Requested Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. – 0910-0280 - Oakland Unified School District’s Position S.3307 - Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

Background Since 1946, the Child Nutrition Act has allowed schools to provide nutritious meals to school age students, “as a measure of national security, to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the Nation’s children, and to encourage the domestic consumption of nutritious agricultural commodities.”

Discussion While the purpose is the same, the needs of the Nation’s children have changed along with the program’s needs. The Nation currently faces an obesity epidemic among our children with increasing demands to the school meal program and increased costs. We believe that the 2010 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act could be significantly improved, and that it needs to be fully funded in order to improve the nutritional content and quality of the meals provided to students. Senator Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas has drafted a marker bill, or first draft for the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act. While this marker bill addresses several aspects of Oakland Unified School District’s initial request around language changes there are significant items not addressed. The House will also produce a version of the bill which will be drafted by Representative George Miller of California. Therefore there is still opportunity to provide feedback to Congress on this bill.

Nutrition Services operates the National School Lunch Program at 104 K-12 schools and one (1) charter school. Additionally, Nutrition Services operated the Child and Adult Care Food Program at 30 Child Development Centers.

Fiscal Impact No fiscal impact.

Recommendation Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 0910-0280 - Oakland Unified School District’s Position - S.3307 - Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

Attachments

Attachment Resolution No. - 0910-0280 - Oakland Unified School District's Position
S.3307 - Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 0910-0280**

Oakland Unified School District's Position
S.3307 -- Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District provides meals to students through the National School Lunch Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program; and

WHEREAS, the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act is currently up for renewal; and

WHEREAS, significant changes are needed to address meal program improvement and childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, Senator Blanche Lincoln has introduced S.3307 – **The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010**; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Unified School District has specific comments on S.3307,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of its Intergovernmental Relations Committee, officially comments upon S. 3307 as stated in Attachment "A" hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Board is authorized to transmit said comments to Senator Lincoln and the California Congressional Delegation forthwith.

Passed by the following vote:

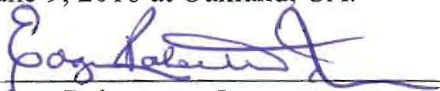
**AYES: Jody London, Noel Gallo, Alice Spearman, Vice President Christopher Dobbins,
President Gary Yee**

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Jumoke Hodge, David Kakishiba

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District at a Regular Meeting held June 9, 2010 at Oakland, CA.



Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary, Board of Education
Attachment: Exhibit "A"



Exhibit "A"

Oakland Unified School District's Position S.3307 – The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

1. Reimbursement- Increase of \$4.5 million over 10 years
 - a. Support increase but amount falls short of President Obama's initial pledge
2. Nutritional Standards
 - a. Support mandate for free water
 - b. Support giving USDA Secretary authority over all food served
3. Institute of Medicine Standards
 - a. Support move to improve menu planning requirements
 - b. Concerned regarding amount of funding tied to IOM implementation
4. Expansion of current After School Meal Programs
 - a. Support increased amount of food provided for after school meal programs
 - b. Support increased funding
5. Provide \$25 million for Farm to School
 - a. Support funding for this program
 - b. Concerned that funding will be taken from a different source i.e. Food Stamp education
 - c. Concerned that less than original ask of \$40 million
6. Increased opportunities for Direct Certification
 - a. Support adding Medicaid to list of programs for Direct Certification
 - b. Support automatic qualification for Foster children
7. What's missing
 - a. Update Federal meal reimbursement semi-annually
 - b. Expand free meal category from 130% of poverty level to 185% consistent with WIC income eligibility guidelines (eliminate reduced price category)
 - c. Provide USDA commodity value for breakfast
 - d. Differentiate reimbursement and eligibility rates based on State's cost of living. Extend reimbursement and eligibility rates of Alaska and Hawaii to States like California with higher cost of living expenses.
 - e. Continue funding for equipment to allow for consistent facility and program improvement
 - f. Support Nutrition Education in the classroom.