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OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Memo

To Board of Education

From Antwan Wilson, Superintendent
Vernon Hal, Senior Business Officer

Board Meeting Date January 11, 2017

Subject Approval of Temporary Limitations on Spending and Hiring from Certain General Funds

Action Requested Approval of the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1617-0008, temporary limitation on unrestricted general funds, non-supplemental, and non-concentration, used for hiring and spending.

Summary In a proactive effort to position the District for financial success in the coming fiscal year, we are recommending limitations on spending and hiring from unrestricted, non-supplemental, and non-concentration general funds (excluding classroom teaching positions and/or other positions funded by supplemental and concentration funding). This recommendation does not impact purchases made under existing contracts and/or expenditures made pursuant to other contractual obligations and includes the development of a spending appeals process.

Fiscal Impact Savings from Unrestricted General Funds, Non-Supplemental and Non-Concentration Funds.

Recommendation Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No.1617-0008.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 1617-0008**

Temporary Limitations on Spending and Hiring from Certain General Funds

WHEREAS, over the past year, the District has been successful at responding to all audits and has improved its overall credit rating; and

WHEREAS, these actions and outcomes have greatly benefited the District; however, there are foreseeable externalities that may have a significant impact on District expenses, including but not limited to shifts in federal funds and increasing costs; and

WHEREAS, it is in the District's best interest that the District adopt a proactive, rather than reactive, position relative to budget-based decision making; and

WHEREAS, the District is currently determining appropriate staffing levels for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years; and

WHEREAS, in light of staffing changes and probable restructuring, it is anticipated that reassignment and/or layoff of some positions may be required as a result; and

WHEREAS, spending limitations on unrestricted funds that are not supplemental and concentration funds, and which are not legally required to be spent, are necessary to ensure the District maintains its positive financial position; and

WHEREAS, hiring limitations on vacant positions funded by unrestricted, general funds (excluding classroom teaching positions and/or other positions funded by supplemental and concentration funding) are necessary to ensure the District's continued financial success while minimizing the impact to and facilitating the placement of employees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Education hereby imposes limitations on spending and hiring from unrestricted, non-supplemental and non-concentration funds effective January 12, 2017, with the exception of purchases made under existing contracts and/or expenditures made pursuant to other contractual obligations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, District Staff are hereby authorized to develop and implement an appropriate spending protocol, inclusive of a spending appeals process, to continue ensuring the District's ability to fund recommended investments to improve student learning outcomes and to continue the District's efficient operations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education the Oakland Unified School District, this 11th day of January, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATION

I, Antwan Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Board of Education of said district at a meeting thereof held on 11th day of January, 2017 with a copy of such Resolution being on file in the Administrative Office of said District.

Antwan Wilson, Superintendent
and Secretary, Board of Education