

Increase Planning Funds to Intensive Support Schools for 2015-16

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Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Reference to Current Policy:

The Measure N language specifically identifies the terms of Measure N to “commence on July 1, 2015.” The Commission has previously decided to provide \$200 per student to provide school communities the opportunity to engage in a planning, research, evaluation, and piloting of new design during the 2015-16 year. The expectation for school communities and pathways is to engage in a deep diagnostic self-evaluation that leads to the creation of an annual education improvement plan for the full implementation in the 2016-17.

Proposal:

The Department of College and Career Readiness recommends that the Measure N Commission approve an additional planning allocation of \$200 per student (in total \$400) to persistently low performing schools that have been designated for intensive board mandated redesign through the Intensive Support Schools Framework.

Justification:

The Intensive Support Schools (ISS) have the poorest outcomes in the City of Oakland and have the highest concentration of school dependent youth needing additional support. Intensive Support Schools by their nature, require a much deeper level of planning, reflection and redesign which makes the task dramatically different from other high schools and pathways in Oakland that will receive Measure N funding. While most of Oakland’s charter and district schools can simultaneously plan and pilot as a natural cycle of inquiry in their school governance and operations, the Intensive Support Schools are planning for a complete redesign of the school and pathways and therefore require additional supports to accomplish these goals.

Fremont High School, McClymonds High School, and Castlemont High School have been identified by the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education as Intensive Support Schools and would fit this criterion.

Source of Funding: Measure N

Responsible Party: Office of Post-Secondary Readiness