

MEASURES N AND H – COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS COMMISSION

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Memo

To Measures N and H – College and Career Readiness Commission

From Vanessa Sifuentes, High School Network Superintendent

Board Meeting Date

Subject Young Adult Program Request
Services For: All OUSD Public and Charter Schools

Action Requested and Recommendation Discussion and possible adoption by the Measures N and H Commission of the proposed Young Adult Program request for Measure H funding allocation.

Background

(Why do we need these services? Why have you selected this vendor?)

For discussion and possible approval by the Measures N and H Commission of Young Adult Program request for Measures N and H funding allocation

Competitively Bid

Was this contract competitively bid? No
If no, exception: N/A

Fiscal Impact

Funding resource(s): Measure N
Measure H

Attachments

- Young Adult Program request for Measure H funding

To: Measures N and H Commission

From: Vanessa Sifuentes, High School Network Superintendent

Date: March 5, 2024

Subject: OUSD Young Adult Program Request for Measure H Funding

Background:

- On January 19, 2024, the High School Linked Learning Office (HSLLO) received communication from David Cammarata, Director of OUSD's Young Adult Program (YAP) with an inquiry on the status of a Measure H allocation for the YAP Program for the 2024-2025 school year.
- HS Network Superintendent Sifuentes initiated communication with OUSD's Legal Department on January 22 and again on February 6, 2024 regarding interpretation of the Measure H Legislation language and YAP Program eligibility.
- HS Network Superintendent Sifuentes and Measures N and H staff communicated with Director Cammarata and SpEd Department Executive Director, Jennifer Blake on January 31, 2024 to share the team's initial interpretation of the Measure H Legislation, which was that the YAP program was ineligible for Measure H because students in YAP (except for one) are classified as Adults per OUSD's Data Dashboard, while Measure H is intended to serve students in grades 9-12.
- Upon further investigation, Measures N and H staff learned that students in the YAP Program are enrolled in 12th grade according to CALPADS¹, the statewide student information system.
- HSN Superintendent Sifuentes, Linked Learning Director Rebecca Lacocque, and Measure N/H Program Manager Nancy Gomez met with Interim General Counsel Jenine Lindsey on February 14, 2024, to discuss the matter. The matter is still pending as a final determination has not yet been made by OUSD's Legal Department.
- In the interim, Measures N and H staff received guidance regarding previous processes for schools interested in applying for Measure N.
- HS Network Superintendent Sifuentes informationally provided YAP Director Cammarata with the Measure N Planning Grant application as additional context regarding the application process. Director Cammarata and HS Network Superintendent Sifuentes have been in contact regarding the planning grant application.
- The High School Linked Learning team is developing a Measure H Planning Grant Application in the event it is needed at any point during the implementation of Measure H.
- The topic was placed on the March 5th commission agenda for discussion with Measures N and H Commissioners.

Considerations:

- OUSD's Young Adult Program serves students aged 18-22 with moderate to severe developmental disabilities.
- Students in the YAP Program are provided life skills/postsecondary career development and earn a certificate of completion upon graduation.
- Young Adult Program students are enrolled in 12th grade until they turn 22 years of age or complete their certificate.
- Measure H allocations for OUSD and charter sites for the 2024-2025 school year were approved by the Measures N and H Commission on January 16, 2024 and the OUSD Board of Directors on February 14, 2024.
- HSLLO collaborates with the YAP Program to offer Dual Enrollment courses for YAP students on a yearly basis.
- The YAP Program has not submitted a Measure N planning grant nor received a Measure N allocation in previous years.

¹ California's K-12 education data system, comprising student demographic, program participation, grade level, enrollment, course enrollment and completion, discipline, and statewide assessment data (<https://documentation.calpads.org/Overview/Overview/>)