REPORT TO COUNCIL
City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
June 26, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Agreement: Sacramento City Unified and START

Location/Council District: Multiple locations within and outside the City limits

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement and any extensions, amendments, or other related documents with the Sacramento City Unified School District as necessary for the City to operate the Sacramento START (Students Today Achieving Results for Tomorrow) after-school literacy and enrichment program at 13 new and 24 existing elementary school locations and be paid by the District $63,000 in each of Fiscal Years (FY) 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09.

Contact: David Mitchell, Division Manager, 808-6076

Presenters: N/A

Department: Parks and Recreation

Division: Children and Family Recreation Services

Organization No: 4726

Description/Analysis

Issue: As a result of voter approval and implementation of Proposition 49, State of California funding for after-school literacy and enrichment programs has increased. For the City's Sacramento START (Students Today Achieving Results for Tomorrow) program, the California Department of Education has approved funding for new and existing elementary school sites. Thirty-seven (37) of those sites are at elementary schools in the Sacramento City Unified School District. Authorization is required for the City Manager to sign an agreement with the District to operate the program at their schools and for the District to pay the City $63,000 in each of the three years of the agreement.

Policy Considerations: Continued participation in after-school programming is consistent with the City's strategic plan to enhance livability.

Environmental Considerations: This report concerns administrative activities that will not have any significant effect on the environment and that do not constitute a "project", as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act

(CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2)].

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: Executing the agreement will allow elementary school children to participate in the Sacramento START after-school literacy and enrichment program at continuing and new locations.

Financial Considerations: On April 26, 2007, Council authorized the City Manager to execute three contracts with the California Department of Education to accept grant funding for the Sacramento START after-school literacy and enrichment program at 13 new and 44 existing elementary schools within seven school districts. Thirty-seven of those schools are within the Sacramento City Unified School District. The agreement with the Sacramento City Unified School District allows the City to operate the START program at District schools and requires the District to pay the City $63,000 in each of the three years of the agreement.

The expenses and revenue under this agreement have been incorporated into the Parks and Recreation Department's operating budget as a result of Council approval of the State grants. No additional appropriation or budget amendment is needed. No additional General Fund support is required.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Purchase of supplies and equipment will be made in accordance with the City's Emerging and Small Business Development program requirements.

Approved by Janet R. Bou for
Cassandra H. B. Jennings, Assistant City Manager

Recommendation Approved:

Cassandra H. B. Jennings for
Ray Kerridge, City Manager

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Attachment 1

Background

Sacramento START (Students Today Achieving Results for Tomorrow) was launched in 1996. Today, START is widely recognized as one of the most outstanding after-school literacy and enrichment programs in the country, serving more than 10,000 enrolled elementary school children in the most disadvantaged areas of the City and County. The City of Sacramento through its Parks and Recreation Department provides management and administrative support. Funding is provided through a partnership with the California Department of Education, the City of Sacramento, seven participating school districts, and donations from foundations, businesses and individuals. A significant portion of the funding comes from the State or from school districts whose funding comes from the State. No fees are charged to the children or their parents.

State law governs the overall structure of the START program, which is part of the State's After School Education and Safety (ASES) program. Requirements cover the duration and frequency of the program, the required ratio of staff to children, staff background and education qualifications, reimbursement rate, the percent of local matching funds and the need for an evaluation.

California voters approved Proposition 49 in 2002 to make permanent and greatly increase the state's commitment to before- and after-school academic and enrichment programs for students in elementary and middle school grades. The expansion to new locations was delayed until the financial threshold contained in the Proposition language was met. That threshold was met in 2006 and applications were due in early November.

Prior to submitting the City's grant application, Parks and Recreation Department staff had discussions with eight school districts about our interest in expanding the program to additional elementary school program locations. Because the applications to add additional school program locations had to indicate approval of the school district superintendent and each affected school principal, City staff could not move forward without school district concurrence. Several school districts agreed to support a City of Sacramento application for an expansion to a number of elementary school locations. Some school districts chose to submit their own application and either operate the program themselves and/or to subcontract the operation of the program to the City or to other agencies. The Sacramento City Unified School District agreed to support the City's application for funding at 13 new schools and agreed to continue to allow the City to operate the START program at 24 existing school sites.

State funding decisions were announced in January. State funding is allocated grant by grant based solely on applications, and no formula is used to determine county, school district or city allocation. Under State law, priority was given first to existing sites, then to schools at which at least 50% of the students qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

Councilmembers received a memorandum from staff on January 4 reporting the preliminary State funding decisions. Minor changes have occurred since then. Attachment 2 provides a list of the Sacramento START elementary school locations within the Sacramento City Unified School District, showing whether each site was in existence or is new.

Shortly after the State announced in January which new sites had been funded, they told grant recipients that the amount of grant funds earned this fiscal year would be maximized if ASES program sites were opened and in operation by February 6. Staff opened the sites within this deadline, even though the grant agreements had not been sent by the State and the agreements with the school districts were still in preparation.

The agreement is available for review in the City Clerk's Office.

Attachment 2

Sacramento START Elementary School Sites 2006-2009
Sacramento City Unified School District Locations

CC Dist	School Name	Gr	Address	Existing or New
3	Theodore Judah Elem	K-6	3919 McKinley Blvd	New
3	Washington Elem	K-5	520 18th St	Existing
4	Alice Birney Elem	K-6	6251 13th St	New
4	Jedediah Smith Elem	K-6	401 McClatchy Way	Existing
4	John Cabrillo Elem	K-6	1141 Seamas Av	New
4	Pony Express Elem	K-6	1250 56th Av	New
4	William Land Elem	K-6	2120 12th St	Existing
5	Bret Harte Elem	K-6	2751 9th Av	Existing
5	Ethel Phillips Elem	K-6	2930 21st Av	Existing
5	Fruit Ridge Elem	K-6	4625 44th St	Existing
5	H W Harkness Elem	K-6	2147 54th Av	Existing
5	Hollywood Park Elem	K-6	4915 Harte Way	New
5	K B Kenny Charter	K-6	3525 M L King Jr Blvd	Existing
5	Mark Twain Elem	K-6	4914 58th St	New
5	Oak Ridge Elem	K-6	4501 M L King Jr Blvd	Existing
5	Woodbine Elem	K-6	2500 52nd Av	Existing
6	Camellia Basic Elem	K-6	6600 Cougar Dr	New
6	Earl Warren Elem	K-6	5420 Lowell St	Existing
6	Elder Creek Elem	K-6	7934 Lemon Hill Av	Existing
6	Joseph Bonnheim Elem	K-6	7300 Marin Av	New
6	Peter Burnett Elem	K-6	6032 36th Av	Existing
6	Tahoe Elem	K-6	3110 60th St	Existing
6	Thomas Jefferson Elem	K-6	2635 Chestnut Hill Dr	New
7	Lisbon Elem	K-6	7555 S Land Park Dr	New
7	Susan B Anthony Elem	K-6	7864 Detroit Blvd	Existing
8	Edward Kemble Elem	K-3	7495 29th St	Existing
8	Freeport Elem	K-6	2118 Meadowview Rd	Existing
8	Mark Hopkins Elem	K-6	2221 Matson Dr	Existing
n/a	A M Winn Elem	K-6	3351 Explorer Dr	Existing
n/a	Abraham Lincoln Elem	K-6	3324 Glenmoor Dr	Existing
n/a	Clayton B Wire Elem	K-6	5100 El Paraiso Av	Existing
n/a	Ethel I Baker Elem	K-5	5717 Laurine Way	Existing
n/a	Golden Empire Elem	K-6	9045 Canberra Dr	New
n/a	Isador Cohen Elem	K-6	9025 Salmon Falls Dr	Existing
n/a	James Marshall Elem	K-6	9525 Goethe Rd	New
n/a	O W Erlewine Elem	K-6	2441 Stansberry Way	New
n/a	Parkway Elem	K-6	4720 Forest Pkwy	Existing

Addresses outside the City limits are shown with a City Council District designation of n/a.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

APPROVING SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED AGREEMENT

BACKGROUND

A. The Department of Parks and Recreation has operated the START (Students Today Achieving Results for Tomorrow) after-school literacy and enrichment program since 1996. A significant portion of the funding for the program comes from the State of California.

B. The State has approved funding for 13 new elementary school sites and 44 existing school sites. Thirty-seven (37) of those sites are at elementary schools in the Sacramento City Unified School District.

C. The Sacramento City Unified School District has agreed to allow the City's Sacramento START program to operate the START program at District schools and to pay the City $63,000 in each of the three years of the agreement.

D. No General Fund appropriation is required.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement and any extensions, amendments, or other related documents with the Sacramento City Unified School District as necessary for the City to operate the Sacramento START (Students Today Achieving Results for Tomorrow) after-school literacy and enrichment program at 13 new and 24 existing elementary school locations and be paid by the District $63,000 in each of Fiscal Years (FY) 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09.