

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD AGENDA ITEM	EXHIBIT F-14
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Meeting Date: December 8, 2009

Item Title: Budget Categorical Flexibility Information

Item Type: Public Hearing

BACKGROUND: The 2008-09 California State Budget authorizes school districts to use funding received from the state for Tier III Programs for any educational purpose, to the extent permitted by state law. The flexibility to transfer funds from these programs is authorized for five years from the current year through 2012-13 by Education Code 42605.

Education Code 42605 (a) cites with few exceptions the authority for school districts to use the formerly Restricted State funding sources for “any educational purpose.” In turn, these apportionments in 2008/09 and continuing through 2012/13, will be provided with an unrestricted designation and are to be deposited into unrestricted revenue accounts.

Education Code 42605 (c) (2) indicates that, as a condition of receiving these funds, the Governing Board shall conduct a public hearing and “shall take testimony from the public, discuss, and approve or disapprove the proposed use of funding and make explicit the purposes for which the funds will be used..”

The enacted 2008-09 California State Budget reduces funding to education. Education Code 42605 provides school districts the flexibility to transfer funds from Tier 3 Programs to other education programs for any educational purpose as deemed necessary.

At its November 10, 2009 Board of Education meeting the Board adopted Policy #3110 that addresses the categorical flexibility transfer.

The Board now holds a Public Hearing to accept the funds and use the flexibility provisions. The following fund transfers are proposed (see next page):

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Program	SACS Resource	Amount	Proposed Use
School Safety	0645	490	Any Educational Purpose
GATE	0714	58,883	Any Educational Purpose
CPARP	0727	56,975	Any Educational Purpose
Professional Development	0733	595,274	Any Educational Purpose
TIIG	0734	298,543	Any Educational Purpose
SLIG	0735	49,000	Any Educational Purpose
Discretionary Block Grant	0736	58,718	Any Educational Purpose
Instructional Materials and Technology	0738	92,893	Any Educational Purpose
Total		1,210,776	

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: The Public Hearing items amount to \$1.2 Million to be used for the general operations of the Unrestricted General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct Public Hearing

Superintendent's Goal Area: Goal #2: align the spending plan with educational objectives while ensuring the highest and best use of limited resources and long-term solvency.

Submitted by: Fil Guzman, Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Submission to Board of Education _____
Kirsten Vital, Superintendent