



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

ITEM # 21

FEBRUARY 2003 AGENDA

SUBJECT High Priority Schools Grant Program Implementation Grant Awards	X	ACTION
		INFORMATION
		PUBLIC HEARING

Recommendation:

Approve applications for Aspire Public, Castlemont Senior High, Webster Academy, and Oakland Charter Academy in the Oakland Unified School District.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

At its January 2003 meeting, the Board approved Fremont Senior High in the Oakland Unified School District to participate in the High Priority Schools Grant Program.

In accordance with EC 52055.610 (c)(3) (Chapter 42, Statutes of 2002), Department staff has continued to provide technical assistance over the summer and fall to the few schools whose applications were either disapproved or were granted a waiver.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

Assembly Bill 961 established the High Priority Schools Grant Program (HPSGP). This program is intended to assist the lowest performing schools in the state in raising student achievement by offering additional resources targeted to student performance. All schools that rank in decile 1 according to the statewide 2000 Academic Performance Index (API) were invited to participate in this program.

Selected schools will receive \$400 per student with a \$200 per student matching requirement. Schools currently participating in the II/USP will receive an additional \$200 per student. The goal of the HPSGP is to ensure that these additional resources will assist participating schools in implementing changes to improve pupil performance. Lack of significant progress after thirty-six months can result in interventions or sanctions by the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Eligible schools were required to submit a completed application to the Department on or before May 15, 2002. A few schools that could not meet the May 15 deadline submitted waivers to the Board for approval to extend the submission deadline. In reviewing these applications, staff read a six-page narrative summary of seven key elements contained in each school's action plan. Department staff also conducted a separate review of action plans budgets. Districts were given the opportunity to revise budget documents that were incorrectly calculated. Finally, staff also completed a technical review of each application to ensure that all required forms, signatures and assurances were included with the narratives.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

The Legislature has appropriated \$217 million in FY 2002-03 for this program. Proposed mid-year reductions do not affect the appropriations for these original schools. There is still enough money in the line item to fund all of the schools considered at the February Board.

Attachment(s) to this Agenda Item

(Please indicate if additional material will be provided in the supplemental agenda)

List of schools recommended for approval.

SCHOOLS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

CDS Code	County	District	School	Grant Award
01612596117568	Alameda	Oakland	Aspire Public	\$145,600
01612590132092	Alameda	Oakland	Castlemont Senior High	\$378,600
01612596111660	Alameda	Oakland	Oakland Charter Academy	\$ 66,000
01612596002240	Alameda	Oakland	Webster Academy	\$393,600
				\$983,800