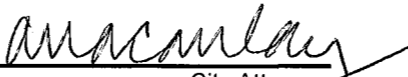


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

  
City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. 87032 C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO REDUCE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM AND INCREASE STUDENT ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019 FOR THE PROVISION OF TWO CASE MANAGER POSITIONS**

**WHEREAS**, efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism and improve school attendance are strongly aligned with the citywide goals to promote student success in school, to prevent violence and youth involvement in gangs, and to ensure a healthy transition to adulthood for all of Oakland's youth; and

**WHEREAS**, when students miss too much school it can cause them to fall behind academically and research shows that children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are much less likely to read at grade level by school the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; by 6<sup>th</sup> grade, chronic absences are a proven early warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of school; by 9<sup>th</sup> grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) has established district-wide targets to 1. Reduce chronic absence to 5% of students at every school, 2. Ensure that 85% of students attend school 95% of days annually, and 3. Reach an average daily attendance (ADA) rate of 98% at every school; and

**WHEREAS**, City and OUSD executed a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") for City to fund two case manager positions to support the joint effort to reduce chronic absenteeism for fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU expired June 30, 2017 and City wishes to amend the MOU to extend the term for an additional two years through June 30, 2019 and continue to provide funding for two case manager positions; and

**WHEREAS**, OUSD has identified strategies to address attendance including the provision of targeted support provided to schools with high rates of chronic absence to help build site capacity to manage attendance, engagement of families and the community around the importance of attendance, and the hiring of case managers during the 2017-2019 school year to support ten elementary schools with high rates of chronic absenteeism, including two positions funded by the City of Oakland and two positions funded by OUSD; and

**WHEREAS,** 2.0 FTE Case Manager II positions were included in the FY 2017-2019 Adopted Budget for the aforementioned purpose to strengthen the partnership with OUSD to reduce chronic absenteeism; and

**WHEREAS,** funding for these positions are budgeted in the General Purpose Fund (1010), Youth Services Organization (78251), HSD Chronic Absenteeism OUSD Project (1000304; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to execute the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with OUSD for the purpose of continuing the agreement for the provision of two case workers funded and hired by the City to help reduce chronic absenteeism and increase student attendance at school sites for the period FY 2017-2018 and 2018-2019; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is hereby authorized without returning to Council, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, payment requests and related actions which may be necessary for the above referenced MOU; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That said MOU shall be reviewed as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and copies will be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

**JAN 16 2018**

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

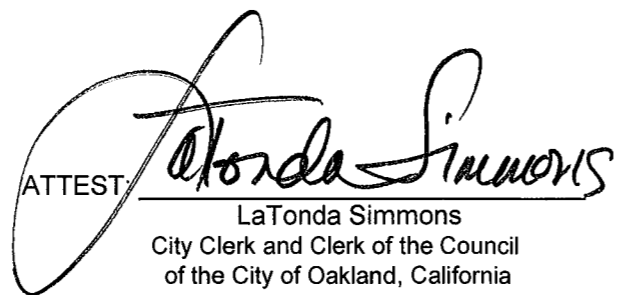
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NOES- 0

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ATTEST:   
LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California