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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 85988 C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO REDUCE CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM AND INCREASE STUDENT ATTENDANCE FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2017

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 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade; by 6th grade, chronic absences are a proven early warning sign for students at risk of dropping out of school; by 9th grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than 8th 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, 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 four case managers during the 2015-2016 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, the two City-funded case managers will be City employees hired by the City of Oakland and supervised by the Human Services Department's Children and Youth Services Division; and

WHEREAS, the two City-funded Case Managers are authorized positions that were included in the Fiscal Years (FY) 2015-2017 Adopted Budget funded by the General Purpose Fund (1010), Youth Services Organization (78251), Reduce Chronic Absenteeism Project (A490830); and

WHEREAS, section 504(l) of the City of Oakland Charter requires City Council approval for intergovernmental relations and contracts for joint governmental actions; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the OUSD for the purpose of establishing an agreement for the provision of two case workers funded and hired by the City of Oakland to help reduce chronic absenteeism and increase student attendance at school sites for the period FY 2015-2017; 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

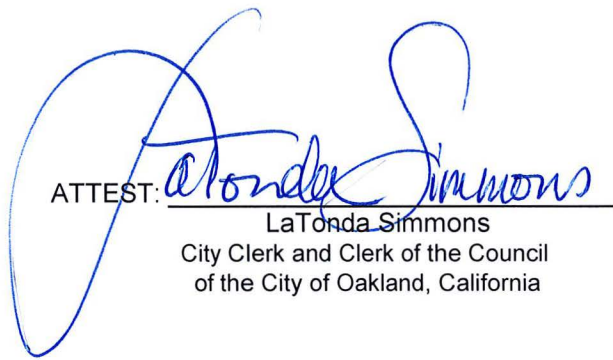
FURTHER RESOLVED: That said MOU agreement shall be reviewed as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and copies will be filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FEB 02 2016

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY - 8

NOES- 0
ABSENT- 0
ABSTENTION- 0

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