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Superintendent of Schools

Agenda Item 8.5

Board of Education Action Item
May 12, 2020

Topic:
Resolution #09, 2019-2020
Closure of MCSOS Early Education Part Day Programs in Chowchilla and Madera

Background:
On March 13, 2020, the Madera County Superintendent of schools in collaboration with the Madera County Department of Public Health and the Madera County District Superintendents came to the consensus that it was best to close the schools of Madera County in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Said closure was effective immediately and subsequent recommendations and directives from the Governor's office and the California Department of Education closed schools for the remainder of the year.

Financial Impact:
With the submission of this Resolution to the CDE, we should have every likelihood of receiving full reimbursement for the closure.

Resource:
Jacklyn Jones, Coordinator, Early Education Programs
Educational Services
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Dianna Young Marsh
Assistant Superintendent
Educational Services

Recommendation:
Approval by the Board.

Madera County Board of Education
Resolution for Closure of Madera County Superintendent of Schools Early Education Part Day CSPP Programs in Chowchilla and Madera in Response to COVID-19 Health Emergency
and
to Request Funding for Days of Closure
Resolution #09
2019-2020

WHEREAS, the Madera County Board of Education operates a part-day CSPP preschool in Chowchilla at Reagan Elementary and Wilson Middle Schools and in Madera at the Madera County Superintendent of Schools Administration Building #2; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Madera County Department of Public Health, and superintendents of all districts in Madera County, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, determined that "As Fresno and Madera Counties function in many ways as a shared population, the Madera County Health Officer, Department of Public Health, and the Superintendents of Madera County public school districts have come to consensus that it is best to close public schools in Madera County. School closure is effective immediately;" and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, it was stated by the Madera County Department of Public Health that the need for safety through social distancing dictates that we continue to keep our school campuses closed to students during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it is impossible to maintain social distancing requirements in the traditional school setting; and

WHEREAS, the closure order of Madera County public school districts was extended in response to directives from the Governor of California and the Superintendent of Public Instruction that made it clear that it is in the best interests to offer continued education to students through distance learning; and

WHEREAS, the daily attendance for these days will be calculated by daily attendance for the certified and non-certified children for the week of March 9,

2020 to March 13, 2020 which was the last week the Madera County Superintendent of Schools Early Education Part Day CSPP Programs in Chowchilla and Madera, as is requested by CDE in Management Bulletin 20-11 – COVID-19 Guidance: Emergency Closures.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Madera County Board of Education is requesting full reimbursement from the California Department of Education (CDE) for March 13, 2020 through June 6, 2020 for the Madera CSPP Part Day sites and March 13 – June 7, 2020 for the Chowchilla CSPP Part Day sites, and hereby authorize staff to write a letter to CDE requesting said full reimbursement. The staff will include the average daily attendance for both certified and non-certified children for the days that the preschools were open the week of March 13, 2020.

Adopted by the Madera County Board of Education on May 12, 2020 by the following vote of the Board:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Sara Wilkins, Board President