



Approval of Extension of Contractual Services with the Santa Clara County Office of Education

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Item type: Action

Recommendation: That the Board approve the extension of the contract with the Santa Clara County Office of Education for services covering student wellness including student health and mental health, early childhood education/universal pre-kindergarten and LEC and school-based Medi-Cal issues.

Background:

Santa Clara COE Contract

In this proposal for services, the Executive Director and Senior Director, Governmental Relations and Legal Services are proposing a limited-term consulting agreement with the Santa Clara County Office of Education. This agreement will assist CCSESA to support key legislative advocacy and organizational efforts relating to three critical issues:

1. **Local education consortiums ("LEC") and school-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities ("SMAA").**
2. **CCSESA Advisory Group on Student Wellness including student health and mental health and the professional learning network.**
3. **Early learning, child development and universal Pre-kindergarten advisory group.**

LEC, SMAA, student wellness, and early learning are priorities for CCSESA members. It is important to have continuity of service for these topics while CCSESA continues to transition and provide support while staff is on maternity and parenting leave.

Amanda Dickey is the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Director of Government Relations and will serve as our point of contact and principal consultant for this contract. Amanda is an attorney and lobbyist who has extensive experience working on the above issues, both in her current role and formerly at CCSESA. Amanda will coordinate with and provide regular updates to CCSESA staff and members.

Summary of contract terms:

- Services
 - o Staff liaison role at LEC coordinator meetings, LEC superintendents' meetings,
 - o CCSESA Advisory Groups on Student Wellness and UPK, and student wellness/MHSSA PLN.
 - o COEPACD subcommittee attendance as requested.



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- Coordination between COEPACD and CISC Early Learning subcommittee as needed.
 - Legislative tracking and strategic advice relating to LEC, SMAA, student mental and physical health, and early learning/UPK.
 - Advocacy on behalf of CCSESA, subject to prior written agreement by the Executive Director or Senior Director of Governmental Relations and Legal Affairs including registering as a lobbyist representing CCSESA consistent with law.
- Compensation
 - \$4,000 per month. For the past year we have been paying \$3000/month. However, the scope of services has expanded so an increase was appropriate.
- Duration
 - 12 months, but either party may terminate without cause when providing 30 days written notice beginning May 1, 2022.
- Conflicts of interest
 - Duty by both parties to inform each other of potential conflicts of interest and make good faith efforts to resolve the conflict.