



Memorandum

TO: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FROM: Norberto Dueñas

SUBJECT: SCHOOLS/CITY COLLABORATIVE
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Following are the key activities to be highlighted for this report:

Schools/City Collaborative Issues Working Group Committee – The Schools/City Collaborative (SCC) has formed a Steering Committee chaired by Superintendent John Porter to meet quarterly prior to each SCC meeting. The purpose of the Issues Working Group (IWG) is to prioritize the overarching issues impacting both the City of San Jose and School Districts. The IWG consists of City of San Jose Senior Staff and Superintendents of School Districts from San Jose Unified, Franklin McKinley, Berryessa, East Side Union, and Alum Rock, including the Santa Clara County Office of Education. The priorities of the overall SCC continue to be School Safety, Teacher Recruitment and Retention, and Neighborhood Services and Joint Use. The most recent IWG meeting was held on November 18th, which focused on the agenda and policy discussion for the next SCC meeting.

School Impact and Needs Assessment for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report – The City of San José is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Update. The Envision San José 2040 EIR will evaluate five Land Use Study Scenarios for potential job and housing growth capacity beyond the current 2008 level of development. To facilitate the preparation of the environmental review for the Update, the General Plan Update Staff has coordinated communication with each school district, including sending maps and tables identifying the proposed job and dwelling unit growth for each of the study scenarios by school districts and geographic distribution by identified growth areas. In addition, the General Plan Update Staff has circulated a survey with each school district to collect data on projected growth, including new school facilities. The survey and data will be further discussed at the next Schools/City Collaborative Meeting on December 9th at the Union School District.

DOT School Transportation Survey - The Department of Transportation (DOT) conducted a school transportation survey of all San José school districts to learn about potential safety impacts to students if districts had to implement route reductions, or eliminate their transportation programs due to State budget cuts. The purpose of the survey was to learn how changes might affect drop-off and pick-up traffic, driving patterns, congestion and the number of kids who walk or bike to school, so that the Subcommittee could evaluate any actions that the

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schools and/or City could take to help mitigate these impacts. An update is expected at next Quarterly S/CC meeting on December 9, 2009.

Charter School Summit – The Charter School Summit is being hosted by the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) on January 30, 2010, 9am – 4pm. The SCCOE commissioned the Charter School Task Force in June 2009. The Charter School Task Force includes representatives from the Santa Clara County Office of Education Charter Schools Department, San Jose State University, San Jose Unified School District, San Jose Unified School Board, San Jose Charter School Consortium, Alum Rock School District, CA Charter Schools Association, Bullis Charter School, and Downtown College Preparatory Charter School. The impetus for the Charter School Summit was the rapid growth of charter schools in Santa Clara County and concerns that new choices in public education in a performance-based environment would develop unevenly with neighborhood public schools. Facilitated by key stakeholders, the Summit's breakout sessions will allow participants to focus on identifying strategies to help charter schools and school districts work together on projects of mutual benefit.

Franklin McKinley Children Zone Packard Foundation Planning Grant - The Franklin McKinley School District has received a \$150,000 18-month Planning Grant from the Packard Foundation. The Franklin McKinley Children Zone (FMCZ) project seeks to coordinate existing educational, health, social service, housing, neighborhood and economic development efforts to provide a comprehensive community development approach to cutting poverty for families in the Santee and Fair neighborhoods. The initiative will be led by a team from Franklin McKinley School District. The initiative will require several phases to become fully operational (e.g. Planning, Pilot, Implementation, and Sustainability). Each of these phases will require an evaluation component to measure both process and product outcomes. Superintendent John Porter has invited Stakeholders to an initial orientation and planning retreat on December 14th. Deputy City Manager, Norberto Duenas, Parks Deputy Director Angel Rios and Councilmember Madison Nguyen have been invited to attend the Stakeholders Planning Retreat.



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