



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.2

Meeting Date: December 6, 2018

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3045: Poor Air Quality Monitoring

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3045: Poor Air Quality Monitoring and Guidance.

Background/Rationale: Sacramento, and large parts of Northern California, experienced very unhealthy and hazardous air quality due to the smoke from camp fire burning about 100 miles north near the City of Paradise, California. As the air quality worsened the District found itself trying to figure out what the healthiest options were for the students. The District could monitor outdoor air quality, but they could not monitor how much smoke was accumulating in classrooms. They also did not have guidance on when and how school should be canceled based on air quality. The resolution calls for the creation of a Board Policy that provides the necessary direction to staff and families as to when schools should be canceled based on outdoor as well as indoor air quality. This resolution also requires

LCAP Goal(s): Family and Community Empowerment; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3045

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

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Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

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WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act of 1977 called for a daily air quality monitoring tool based on a uniform air quality index, and today's Air Quality Index contains six categories of air quality that include *Good, Moderate, Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, Unhealthy, Very Unhealthy*, and *Hazardous*; and

WHEREAS, *Very Unhealthy* and *Hazardous* air Quality was reported on multiple days within Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) boundaries during the week of November 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, SCUSD, along with multiple districts in Sacramento County and across Northern California, chose to cancel school on Friday, November 16, 2018 due to prolonged levels of *Hazardous*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby urgently request that a Board Policy be developed that provides the necessary direction to staff and families as to when schools should be canceled, based on outdoor as well as indoor air quality. The policy shall require staff to pursue grant funding for indoor air quality monitors, outline partnerships to help provide indoor air filtered shelters in emergency situations, and a long term plan to insure proper filtration systems are in place in the district's aging school sites.

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