

APPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "PROMOTING ACADEMICALLY SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS" (PASS) PROGRAM AT CLEMENTE AND KELVYN PARK HIGH SCHOOLS

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the implementation of the Promoting Academically Successful Schools (PASS) program at Clemente and Kelvyn Park High Schools on a pilot basis. The program will allow flexible student scheduling in an effort to prevent student dropouts, and reduce truancy and overcrowding. The program will be implemented beginning August 2001.

DESCRIPTION: The PASS program will offer selected juniors and seniors the opportunity to schedule their classes throughout the day and at times that are convenient to their work or personal schedules. The students in this program will have the flexibility of expanded scheduling options that include early morning, afternoon, evening, and Saturday class offerings.

The program is designed to reduce student dropout rates by providing students with the opportunity to continue their high school education at the same time they fulfill other responsibilities they might have as emancipated minors, parents, interns and/or apprentices. Other anticipated benefits of the PASS program are a reduction in student truancy, class failures, and overcrowding. The PASS program will also facilitate the transition to post secondary education.

To be selected to this program students will be required to have 11th or 12th grade academic standing, demonstrate need for a flexible schedule option, attend a student/counselor interview, and approval by the PASS program coordinator.

Administration of the program will require extended day positions for two senior counselors at each school who will manage the program and provide the student support services needed by this population. To insure security remains intact at each school, due to the students entering and leaving the school campus at different times during the school day, overtime hours for school security personnel will be made available at each school not to exceed \$10,000 at each site.

EDUCATIONAL IMPACT: The establishment of this pilot program is consistent with the philosophy of the Design for High Schools and truancy and dropout reduction. The PASS program, whose primary goal is dropout prevention, will enable the targeted students to complete their high school education and make a successful transition to post secondary education. If the PASS program is successful at Clemente and Kelvyn Park High Schools it will be implemented at other CPS high schools.

LSC REVIEW: Not Applicable

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Not Applicable


FINANCIAL: The estimated additional cost is: Four 0.2 counseling positions - \$40,000, and overtime for security personnel - \$20,000. Each school will contribute \$15,000 to the program.

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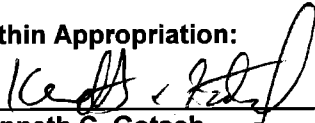
Approved for Consideration:


 Barbara J. Eason-Watkins
 Chief Education Officer

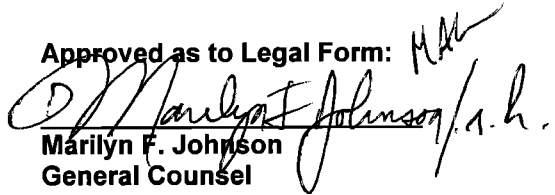
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 Arne Duncan
 Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


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 Marilyn F. Johnson
 General Counsel