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From: Public Education Enrichment Fund Community Advisory Committee

Re: Recommendations on the 2013-14 PEEF Revised Budget

Date: April 2, 2013

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2013-2014 PEEF Revised Budget - CAC Recommendations

The PEEF CAC reviewed the 2013-14 PEEF Revised Budget recommendations from the Superintendent during meetings held on March 21, March 27, and April 1, 2013. In those deliberations, the PEEF CAC considered its recommendations on the original 2013-14 PEEF Budget delivered in January, as well as the information regarding the new proposed allocations. The following recommendations were approved by the majority on April 1, 2013:

There is broad support for the inclusion of the STEM and A-G Support initiatives in the proposed revised budget, and the CAC also felt it was important to acknowledge that existing Third-Third programs that provide on-site direct student support services remain underfunded.

The PEEF CAC applauds the Superintendent’s recommendations for initiating the STEM program. We especially appreciate that STEM:

1. Targets underserved populations (e.g. girls and students of color).
2. Includes a focus on enrichment activities to leverage students’ early interests in science.
3. Updates to our curriculum to help our students be college and career ready for the 21st century.
4. Recognizes the need for a stronger technology platform.

Given recent information that indicates a large number of 11th graders are off track to graduate, we support the funding of the A-G Support initiative to narrow the achievement gap and increase graduation rate.
We are of differing perspectives as a committee regarding whether or not to reallocate funds in the revised budget from the STEM and A-G Support initiatives to close funding gaps for existing programs or to fully endorse the Superintendent’s proposal.

The PEEF CAC recommends that the Board considers these questions in their deliberations:

1. How to balance the establishment and sustainability of the start-up of new programs with the expansion of other existing programs?
2. To what extent should the Third-Third be used for academic or social/emotional/enrichment needs of students and families?
3. What other funding sources might be available for any of these programs is not from PEEF?