

EXPLANATION OF RATIFICATION TO AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND  
FIELDS DEVEREAUX ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS

September 14, 2004

PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT: San Diego Unified School District and Fields Devereaux Architects & Engineers

AGREEMENT SUMMARY: Employability Counseling Services and the Student Apprenticeship Program will, with Fields Devereaux Architects & Engineers, provide a job-training program for students in their final year of high school. The students receive job skills, school credits, and minimum wage earnings while working two days per week. The program last 10 months and includes weekly visitations and support services provided by Employability Counseling Services and the Student Apprenticeship Program Staff.

TERM: September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005

AMOUNT OF FUNDING: During the first half of the student's apprenticeship year, funding will be provided by the California State Department of Education Workability 1 budget. Fields Devereaux Architects & Engineers provides wages and Worker's Compensation insurance during the second half of the year. Total cost to San Diego Unified School District is zero dollars.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: 5410-34050-02-2969-16-02-01-0000  
(SpEd/WorkAbility I)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Secretary of Labor's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (American 2000) and the district's "School-to-Career" plan, encourage collaborative efforts between schools and the workplace, such as the development of apprenticeship opportunities. Since 1993, approximately 75 percent of the 500 students participating in this program secured apprenticeship and graduation from the district.

**Rationale for Ratification:** Originally the contracts were submitted for July 13, 2004; however some of the language was incorrect and needed to be revised. Original signatures needed to be re-obtained so, September 14, 2004 is the first available board date.

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