



SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

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Office of the Superintendent

Executive Summary Board Date: May 24, 2005 (First Reading)

SUBJECT: Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Cluster Advisory Task Force and Program Governance Team Recommendations.		OPEN/ACTION
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Recommendation(s):

The GATE Cluster Advisory Task Force recommends the following to district staff:

1. Articulating the GATE programs within high school feeder patterns;
2. Providing for administrator, counselor, and teacher professional development;
3. Modifying Cluster program design and procedures;
4. Modifying GATE identification procedures;
5. Increasing GATE department staffing, when funds become available;
6. Providing two portables for GATE professional development when funds become available.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board direct district staff to conduct an analysis, prepare a response and propose recommendations no later than June, 2005.

Summary of Previous Board of Education Discussion and Action:

California GATE State Standards and the State Application for funding of the San Diego City Schools' Gifted and Talented program drive the GATE program review cycle and the formative and summative assessment mandated by State GATE Standards and San Diego City Schools' Administrative Procedure 4236. On April 23, 2002, the Board of Education approved policy and procedure changes to the GATE Cluster program as required by new legislation (Assembly Bill 2313). On June 11, 2002, the Board of Education approved submission of a GATE program application to the State Department of Education. The GATE grant application was subsequently approved for school years 2002-05. During the third year of the grant (2004-2005), the GATE Cluster Advisory Task Force was created to review compliance of the GATE Cluster program with the GATE Standards, make recommendations for improvements, and propose changes to Administrative Procedures 4235 and 4236.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

The 2004-2005 GATE Cluster Advisory Task Force met October, 2004, through February, 2005, in five meetings. The GATE Cluster Advisory Task Force was created to review compliance of the GATE Cluster Program with the California GATE Standards and to make recommendations for improvement in the program and changes to Administrative Procedures 4235 and 4236. The Task Force Advisory Committee and the GATE Program Governance Team finalized recommendations brought forward in this report.

Fiscal Analysis:

When funds become available the cost for one additional psychologist and two additional resource teachers is \$218,000. An estimate has been requested for the cost of two additional portables for GATE Department use. All other recommendations can be implemented within the GATE budget.

Chief Administrative Officer

Chief of Staff