



SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

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Office of the Superintendent

Executive Summary Board Date: August 9, 2005 (*First Reading*)

SUBJECT: Staff Response to the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Cluster Advisory Task Force and Program Governance Team Recommendations.	OPEN/ACTION
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	CONSENT

Recommendation(s): The superintendent recommends the Board approve the implementation of the following proposed staff recommendations, further elaborated in the enclosed report, in response to the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Cluster Advisory Task Force and Program Governance Team Recommendations report of May 24, 2005. Staff will plan to return to the Board for direction in September.

- 1-A. The GATE Department will support vertical teams in their professional development planning.
- 2-B. The GATE Department will collaborate with other district departments to plan professional development for site administrators and counselors.
- 2-C. The GATE Department will allocate funds for schools in each feeder pattern to participate in appropriate GATE conferences.
- 2-D. The GATE Department will work with other district departments to plan professional development in nurturing gifted potential in the early grades.
- 3-E. The GATE Department will develop a self-assessment rubric that supports schools in writing their program summaries and accountability plans.
- 3-F. The Budget Department will release GATE funds to schools at the opening of the school year.
- 3-G. The GATE Department will post schools' GATE summaries and plans on the GATE web site.
- 3-H. Schools will include a professional development component in their GATE program summaries.
- 3-I. The choice of GATE program models will remain intact.
- 4-J. The GATE Department will work with the Standards, Assessment and Accountability Division to align GATE identification and retesting with CST rather than CAT-6,

4-K. Testing for GATE identification and retesting will occur district wide at grades 2 & 5, with one exception. The decision will be made by Point Loma schools after the GATE Department facilitates discussion among stakeholders in that community.

5-L. The GATE senior psychologist position will continue as 10 months.

5-M. The number of GATE staff will remain at 2004-2005 levels.

6-N. The GATE Department will expand its office space into two relocatable buildings at Madison High School.

Summary of Previous Board of Education Discussion and Action:

The Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Cluster Advisory Task Force and Program Governance Team Recommendations were presented as a first reading on May 24, 2005. The Superintendent recommended that the Board direct district staff to conduct an analysis, prepare a response and propose recommendations in relation to the recommendations.

Summary of Key Issue(s):

In a report presented to the Board on May 24, 2005, The GATE Cluster Advisory Task Force and Program Governance Team made a number of recommendations. This report brings forward staff responses to those recommendations, provides clarifying points for Board consideration, identifies areas of staff agreement as well as those of concern, and summarizes recommendations for Board action.

Fiscal Analysis:

The recommendations in this report are primarily cost neutral. There is one budget implication associated with recommendation 6-N. Pending Board approval, approximately \$100,000 will be needed for site certification of two relocatable buildings by the Division of the State Architect. Potential funding sources are developers' fees and the State Facilities Fund.

Chief Administrative Officer

Chief of Staff