

SUPERINTENDENTS GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

TULARE COUNTY MASTER PLAN FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

MINUTES

May 26, 2020

The Superintendent's Governance Committee met on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sergio Mendoza**, Superintendent, Burton Elementary; **Yolanda Valdez**, Superintendent, Cutler-Orosi Unified; **Phil Nystrom**, Superintendent, Earlimart Elementary; **Paul Sevillano**, Superintendent, Farmersville Unified; **Tom Rooney**, Superintendent, Lindsay Unified; **Terri Rufert**, Superintendent, Sundale Union Elementary; **Brian Hollingshead**, Superintendent, Tulare City Elementary; **Tony Rodriguez**, Superintendent, Tulare Joint Union High; **Tamara Ravalin**, Superintendent, Visalia Unified; **Laura A. Gonzalez**, Superintendent, Woodlake Unified; and **Tammy McKean**, Assistant Superintendent/SELPA Administrator, Tulare County.

MEMBERS ABSENT: **Richard Savage**, California Connections Academy; **Dr. Joe Hernandez**, Superintendent, Dinuba Unified; **George Eddy**, Superintendent, Exeter Unified; **Dr. Nate Nelson**, Superintendent, Porterville Unified; **Connie Owens**, Superintendent, Springville Union Elementary; and **Tim Hire**, County Superintendent, Tulare County.

OTHERS PRESENT: **TULARE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION:** **Jody Arriaga**, Director, Internal Business Services; **Michelle West**, Director of Special Services; **Fernie Marroquin**, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services; and **Jennifer Newell**, Director, Behavioral Health Services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Yolanda Valdez opened the meeting to public comment. No public comment was made.

AB1808: MH TREATMENT AND COUNSELING SERVICES: Jennifer Newell, Director, Behavioral Health Services, shared information regarding MH 1808 Assembly Bill 23246 that requires training for suicide prevention. San Diego County Office of Education is ruling out online training. Six hundred licenses were issued towards Living Works Start Program. Assist training is a two-day intense training between 60-90 minutes. The interactive online assist training provides some level engagement. All staff in districts with grades 7-12 are required to complete training. Living works start is not the required training it is an option as the training meets the requirements for AB1808. CDE is working to unify across the State. Licenses are expected to be utilized by December. Five hundred student licenses are expected in October for students 13 years of age and older. Lastly, Dr. Newell stated that a survey will be emailed to directors for feedback on how to distribute 600 training licenses to districts. The committee agreed that licenses should not be based on ADA. Licenses should be based on psychologists or counselors. Discussion followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the May 26, 2020 Superintendent's Governance Committee (SGC) Meeting were presented for approval. *A motion was made by Terri Rufert and seconded by Sergio Mendoza to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA: Tammy McKean, Assistant Superintendent, presented the revised Tulare County/District Special Education Local Plan Area and shared that the California Department of Education is not requiring Tulare County to submit all sections of the Local Plan. The sections due to CDE by June 30th are sections a, d, e, and some attachments. Section B is due next year however, that includes all policies and procedures, which will be presented to the Superintendents Governance Committee for approval in October. District offices will then be required to present the Local Plan, in its entirety, for approval between December and May. Discussion followed. *A motion was made by Brian Hollingshead and seconded by Tamara Ravalin to approve the Tulare County/District SELPA Annual Budget Plan for 2020-2021. The motion carried unanimously.*

AcCEL PROGRAM NEEDS: Tammy McKean shared Academic Collaborative for Exceptional Learners (AcCEL) program needs in regards to adding new classrooms to the Visalia area. Due to the lack of referrals, three classrooms were previously closed. However, there is a huge need at this time as 20 to 25 students are transitioning out to special day classrooms. Another 45 students need an AcCEL placement. The cost to reopen one classroom is approximately \$250,000 with a total cost of about \$750,000-800k for all three classrooms. Discussion followed. *A motion was made by Laura Gonzalez and seconded by Tom Rooney to approve the reopening of additional AcCEL classrooms. The motion carried unanimously.*

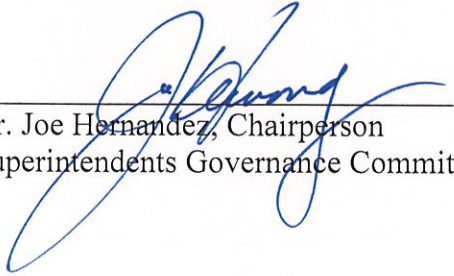
DOSE REPORT: Michelle West, Director of Special Education (DOSE), reported on the DOSE meeting held May 11, 2020. The following items were presented:

- End of Year Reporting – Directors have until June 20, 2020 to send letters out to families to gather data. Discipline should be reviewed within each LEA's student information system (SIS).
- Psychological/Preschool – DRDP timelines were reviewed. TCOE will continue to gather and enter DRDP data but it's up to each LEA to decide their protocol for this academic year. The TCOE School Psychologist Resources padlet was reviewed and the link was sent to countywide Psych's and DOSE.
- Considerations for School Openings – The COVID-19 Planning Assumptions that was developed by San Diego County Office of Education was presented. The comprehensive document outlines assumptions over the next few months. TCOE does not feel comfortable moving forward with a recommendation to transition into an AcCEL Program if a student was not assessed prior to the school closures.
- Professional Development Trainings – Professional Development Opportunities will continue as scheduled for the following school year however trainings may be held in a virtually.
- D/HH Update – FM Systems will be retrieved for the end of the school year. Hearing Center appointments continue to be on hold until further notice.
- Mental Health Awareness Month – A mental health that includes supports for educators and students was shared with Directors and Superintendents via email.
- LCAP – The LCAP deadline was pushed back to December 15, 2020. Leadership Support Services is calendaring district site visits in the next few weeks to offer resources and supports to districts.
- BHS Updates – Referrals for BHS are on hold as staff are unable to complete face-to-face observations within the natural school setting. Pending referrals will be processed when schools physically reopen. The process will continue for referrals if the observation was completed prior to the shelter in place order.

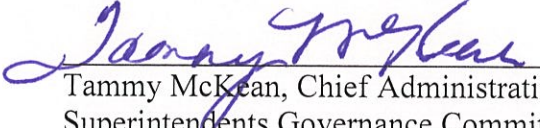
The next DOSE Meeting will be held on June 1, 2020.

NEXT MEETING: – The next Superintendents Governance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at noon in the Redwood C Conference Room of the Tulare County Office of Education.

HANDOUTS: AGENDA ITEM HANDOUTS: Online Suicide Prevention Training for California Schools; Teen Guide to Mental Health and Wellness (English/Spanish); Draft minutes of the April 28, 2020 Superintendent's Governance Committee Meeting; Local Plan Section A: Contacts and Certifications; Local Plan Section D: Annual Budget Plan; Local Plan Section E: Annual Service Plan; Local Plan Attachments; and Annual Service Plan LEA Attachment.



Dr. Joe Hernandez, Chairperson
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Tammy McKean, Chief Administrative Officer
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