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Date: June 12, 2019
Board Meeting Date: **June 27, 2019**
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Trustees

From: Gina Sudaria, Interim Superintendent

Subject: Consideration to approve a request to send Program Specialist, Claudia Conti and one classroom teacher to the *Summer Phonics Institute* at Teachers College in New York City

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the request to send Program Specialist Claudia Conti and one Costano teacher to the Summer Phonics Institute at Teachers College in New York City from June 30th – July 3rd.

BACKGROUND:

Costaño School will be starting their 2nd year with the newly adopted *Lucy Caulkins Phonics Program* for K-2. As a future Program Specialist for Special Education, learning new ways for our Special Education team to utilize this program is critical to collaborate with the general education teachers in efforts to close the achievement gap in their earlier years.

Classroom teacher and a member of the Site Leadership Team would benefit from formal training on this new curriculum and is eager to explore the different methodologies discussed in the 3-day course to better implement in her classroom and to share with her grade-span colleagues.

Knowledge gained at Teachers College will also be shared with teams in both special education and general education, at future Professional Development meetings this coming fall.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the Ravenswood City School District this trip at \$3,450 will be fully funded through our Ravenswood Education Foundation matching school grant. This cost includes compensation, transportation, registration fees and room and board.