

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Randall Booker
Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **APPROVE RESOLUTION APPOINTING DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO
ADULT EDUCATION BLOCK GRANT DECISION-MAKING BODY**

I. SUPPORT INFORMATION

In 2013-2014, State legislators passed AB 86 which called for the development of local regional consortia comprised of representatives from community college districts, K-12 districts, and other organizations that serve a role in adult education (each consortium was defined by the boundaries of a community college district). Local Adult School partners (Alameda USD, Berkeley USD, Emery USD, Oakland USD, and Piedmont USD) have partnered with the Peralta Colleges (College of Alameda, Berkeley City College, Laney College, Merritt College) to form the Northern Alameda County Regional Consortium for Adult Education.

During the 2014-15 academic year, the Consortium held numerous planning meetings for faculty, community based organizations and administrators to refine a plan for improving adult education services in our region. That plan was submitted to and approved by the state in the spring of 2015. It is available online at <http://ousdhs.ousd.k12.ca.us/site/default.aspx?DomainID=3088>.

This year, State legislators passed AB 104, which is the Education Finance Bill for 2015-16. Article 9 in the bill establishes the Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) that will replace the AB 86 Adult Education Planning Grant funding with a more permanent source of funding to provide academic and support services for non-credit adult education programs.

This legislation establishes initial guidelines for consortiums developed under AB 86 to receive and distribute AEBG funding and further delineates governance structure and participation responsibilities for the participating educational agencies. All agencies that continue in the consortium as members shall commit to reporting all funds available for the purpose of educating and preparing adults for the workforce and how the funds are spent. In addition, members of the consortium shall be represented only by an official (or officials) designated by the governing board of the member district. The amount of the Adult Education Block Grant for NACRCAE is \$2,612,493.

Participation guidelines stipulate that member districts of the consortium shall participate in any decision made by the consortium. The proposed decisions must be considered at open, properly noticed public meetings of the consortium, with time for public comments and the decisions made in consortium oversight committee meetings are final.

The person(s) designated by the Board of Education shall provide input and make decisions in the following areas:

1. Actions that members of the consortium will take to address the educational needs of adults identified in the initial report to the state.
2. Actions that members of the consortium will take to improve the effectiveness of services provided.
3. Actions that members and partners of the consortium will take to improve integration of services and student transitions to post-Adult Education employment and education.
4. Actions regarding the alignment of adult education programs and services to career pathways and other workforce sector strategies as required in the Workforce Innovations Opportunity Act.
5. Annual update of Adult Education Plan and approval of a new Adult Education Plan every (3) three years.
6. Annual approval of budget and funding distribution schedule.

II. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE RESOLUTION

The Board is requested to review and approve the resolution appointing the Superintendent or designee as a representative from the District to the decision-making body of the Northern Alameda County Regional Consortium for Adult Education