



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: June 14, 2023

Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

This Board Report is requesting out of state travel for a group of 8 staff (district leadership, school administrators, teachers) to attend a *Professional Learning Community (PLC)* training on assessment in Pasadena, California. The workshop will be led by many nationally known experts in the PLC field, all specializing in assessment as part of the PLC process. The conference is held September 26-28, 2023 and estimated cost of \$9,500 to attend this training will be paid for by ESSA Funds (grant money). Upon completion of the training, Director Durrant will share the information learned from the conference with the district leadership team and formulate a plan to support further implementation of PLC at all levels.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) is an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Professional learning communities operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous job-embedded learning for educators. TRSD has had many teams across the district attend initial PLC training and they are currently implementing these strategies in all elementary and middle schools. Elementary and middle school administrators need additional training in assessment strategies that align with effective PLC strategies. Continued training will ensure student learning will excel in all buildings.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Attending the training will increase understanding of PLC assessment, how it affects academic growth, and how schools can look at data to ultimately have professional conversations to improve daily instruction. The training will also provide guidance on district-wide systems that need to be in place for implementation to be successful. We are taking new administrators to this training to build additional capacity to support the work in each building.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None known.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

Training is offered in small cohorts online, but without the opportunity to ask questions.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No