

Action Sheet

MEETING DATE: August 25, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Discuss and consider approval of payments $\geq \$50,000$ to TASB for Unemployment Claims for fiscal year 2021-2022 and ratify payments $\geq \$50,000$ for fiscal year 2020-2021

Due to an increase in fraudulent employment claims, the District paid TASB more than \$178K and \$157K in unemployment claims in 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively (see Annual Claims History Report – attached). This problem is state-wide and nation-wide according to TASB, and is affecting schools and private employers alike.

The District expects this rise in claims $\geq \$50,000$ to continue until the pandemic is over; therefore, we are asking the board to approve the 2020-21 and anticipated 2021-22 payments to TASB. We are working with TASB to identify the fraudulent claims so they can be disputed. According to TASB, if money was advanced to claimants, but the District won an appeal or got it voided, then it is recouped and credited as they repay; however, this is a very slow process.

RECOMMENDATION: I move the Board approve payments to TASB for unemployment claims $\geq \$50,000$ for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22, as presented.

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