



MEETING OF: March 6, 2018

TITLE: Overview of Tucson Unified School District's Targeted Learning Session Initiative for ELA and Math Instruction

ITEM #: 12

Information: X

Study:

Action:

PURPOSE:

The Tucson Unified School District is committed to helping our students perform at their highest potential on the AzMERIT assessment. In response to last year's AzMERIT student performance data, Tucson Unified School District has created Targeted Learning Sessions.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Targeted Learning Sessions offer courses designed to provide literacy and math support to students who are partially proficient or minimally proficient according to AzMERIT.

The Targeted Learning Sessions provide students a small learning environment that is focused on test-taking strategies and customized lessons/activities. Teachers will utilize an instructional framework that has been designed to focus specifically on the Math and ELA skills aligned to the highly leveraged standards. These strategies and lessons directly support students' understanding of the question types and test structure they will experience on the AzMERIT assessment.

To ensure the maximum academic benefit of the program, the Elementary and Middle School Learning Sessions began January 8, 2018 and continue through March 29, 2018. 1 hour per session. The High School Learning Sessions will conclude at the end of the quarter on March 15th.

Dr. Giovanna Grijalva, Interim Senior Director Curriculum Development and Ms. Heidi Aranda, Senior Math Coordinator will be present to address questions by the Governing Board.

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For all Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), Initiator of Agenda Item provides the name of the agency responsible for recording the Agreement after approval:

For amendments to current IGAs, Initiator provides original IGA recording number:

Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

x _____	District Budget
_____	State/Federal Funds
_____	Other _____
<u>Budget Cost</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>
385,000	013.100.1000.6112.SITE.00000.SITE








Budget Certification (for use by Office of Financial Services only):

Date 2/28/18
I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$385,000 are available and may be:
Authorized from current year budget
Authorized with School Board approval
Code: Fund:
Site number will vary; program is at all schools

INITIATOR(S):

Dr. Giovanna Grijlava, Senior Director Curriculum Development (Interim)		2/8/2018
Name	Title	Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

ATTACHMENTS:
Click to download
 TEAM Letter
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 TLS Sessions
 Parent Letter - Spanish AzMERIT
 Parent Letter - Elem AzMERIT
 Parent Letter - Middle School
 Parent Letter - High School
 TLS Framework