

## Proposed Desegregation Budgetary Process “USP Expenditure Plan”

Section IX.B. Budget of the Proposed USP mandates several obligations for the District to fulfill regarding the desegregation budgetary process and allocations made thereof. However, for school year 2013-14, the process has already begun and the USP has not yet been adopted. Therefore the District proposes the following timeline to be followed for this spring only to ensure that the Parties and Special Master are involved in the process and to ensure full transparency and accountability

| <b>Due Date</b> | <b>Action</b>  |
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| February 5      | The District proposes this “USP Expenditure Plan” as a one-time only methodology and process for allocating funds (1) that are available to it and its schools pursuant to A. R. S. § 15-910(G) and (2) that account for the requirements of this Order. <b>[Section IX.B.1]</b>   |
| February 15     | Parties provide comments on the Plan to the District and Special Master <b>[Section IX.B.1]</b>  |
| February 20     | Special Master will communicate suggestions, if any, for modifying this USP Expenditure Plan. <b>[Section IX.B.1]</b>  |
| March 7         | District will use the Expenditure Plan, and the requirements of the USP, to develop an interim budget for the remainder of school year 2012-13.<br><br>The interim budget for 2012-13 will provide allocations “as necessary to support the implementation of [the USP] during the 2012-2013 school year” <b>[Section IX.B.2]</b> The interim budget for the remainder of school year 2012-13 will be provided to the Plaintiffs and Special Master no later than March 7, 2013. The Plaintiffs and the Special Master shall have 15 days to make suggestions concerning this interim budget, and the District will work with the parties and the Special Master to agree on a final interim budget. |
| March 22        | If agreement cannot be reached on the interim budget by March 22, the Special Master will make his recommendations to the Court about the allocations in the interim budget no later than March 25, 2013. The Court shall rule on the interim budget on an expedited basis.  |
| March 7         | District will use the Expenditure Plan, and the requirements of the USP, to develop a Proposed USP Budget for 2013-14 <b>[Section IX.B.3]</b><br><br>The Proposed USP Budget will identify all sources of funding for all provisions of the USP. This budget shall include a separate addendum identifying how all funds available to it pursuant to A.R.S.-15-910(G) are allocated.   |
| March 12        | District will submit the Proposed USP Budget to the Board for discussion, information only – no vote   |
| March 13        | District sends the Board-reviewed Proposed USP Budget to the Parties and Special Master <b>[Section IX.B.4]</b>  |
| 3.13 – 3.29     | Parties and Special Master review the Budget. The Special Master and Plaintiffs shall communicate to the District and to all other parties, their suggestions, if any, for modifying the proposed Budget. <b>[Section IX.B.4]</b>  |
| 3.29 – 4.5      | District considers all feedback, adjusts the Proposed USP Budget as appropriate, and incorporates changes and feedback into a revised USP Budget Proposal for a presentation to the Board at the 4.9.12 Board meeting. (Any recommendations not included will be noted and separately provided to the Governing Board for consideration) <b>[Section IX.B.4]</b>   |
| April 9         | Governing Board considers the proposal for preliminary adoption of a USP Budget<br>“Preliminary Adoption of the Proposed USP Budget for 2013-14”   |
| April 10        | (If approved)<br>Board-approved Budget will be sent to the Parties and Special Master. <b>[Section IX.B.4]</b><br>District will begin making personnel and resource decisions based on the adopted budget (subject to and conditioned upon any changes from the Special Master or the Court).  |
| April 24        | Within ten days of the USP Budget’s approval by the Governing Board, if any of the Plaintiffs or the   |

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|        | Special Master disagrees with the budget as approved, they may file objections with the Court and the Court shall resolve the objections on an expedited basis. <b>[Section IX.B.5]</b> |
| May 31 | Desegregation Budget is finalized (either because there are no objections, there is a stipulation, or the objections have been resolved by the Court)                                   |
| June   | Comprehensive District budget is submitted to the Governing Board for approval (would include the final Desegregation budget)   |
| June   | Desegregation Budget is posted online on the USP Web Page <b>[Section IX.B.6]</b>   |