



MEETING OF: December 12, 2017

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TITLE: Disposition of Early Learning Centers (IELC) - Requested by Board Clerk Mark Stegeman

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ITEM #: 15

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Information:

Study: X

Action: X

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PURPOSE:

To study the possibility of closing one or both of the Early Learning Centers, or transferring their management to an outside entity who can operate them without subsidy from TUSD. This includes the possibility of closing the Centers at the end of the current semester, with reimbursement of fees or alternative provision of services for anyone who has already paid fees for the Spring semester.

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DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The discovery by the Internal Auditor that the two Early Learning Centers lost more than a million dollars last year, before including any allowance for some operating costs borne by Central Administration or the opportunity cost of keeping the two sites out of any alternative use, mandates immediate consideration of shutting one or both centers.

Running a day-care business is outside of the district's constitutional or district mandate. Most of the families who have children enrolled at the Centers are not TUSD employees. Aside from any ethical issues raised by the misuse of taxpayer dollars for other than the intended purpose, the substantial financial losses incurred by the Centers raise the possibility that the subsidies constitute a gift of public funds.

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BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

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LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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

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Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

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BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

\_\_\_\_\_ District Budget  
 \_\_\_\_\_ State/Federal Funds  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date

I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ are available and may be:

Budget Cost      Budget Code

Authorized from current year budget  
Authorized with School Board approval  
Code:    Fund:

INITIATOR(S):

Mark Stegeman, Governing Baord Clerk		12-01-17
Name	Title	Date

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