



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 13.1t

Meeting Date: March 21, 2024

Subject: Approve State Board of Education Waiver Request for 2021-22 Instructional Time Penalty - George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Human Resource Services

Recommendation: Approve State Board of Education Waiver Request for 2021-22 Instructional Time Penalty - George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science

Background/Rationale: Per Education Code section 47612.5, charter schools are required to offer a minimum number of instructional minutes per fiscal year, and the amount of annual instructional minutes varies by grade level. For the 2021-22 school year, George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science received an instructional time penalty for a shortage of instructional minutes due to the workforce strike.

Education Code section 47612.6 allows the State Board of Education (SBE) to waive the fiscal penalties associated with instructional minute shortages provided that a charter school complies with specific conditions. A school with an instructional minute shortage must offer the number of minutes it was short, in addition to the number of minutes required by statute, for two consecutive school years.

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The Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) and Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA) have reached agreement on a proposal to add the additional time to the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, as required by statute.

A successful SBE waiver of the instructional time penalty will ensure that the funds that would otherwise be used to pay for the penalty will instead be used to improve student achievement by providing additional meaningful instruction to supplement students' learning, engagement, and socialization.

As the governing board for George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science, the SCUSD governing board must approve the waiver request in order to be submitted to the SBE.

Financial Considerations: The inclusion of these eight (8) added instructional days will be to meet the application requirements for the State Board of Education, in order to avoid an instructional day and time penalty.

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

Documents Attached:

1. State Board of Education Waiver Request for 2021-22 Instructional Time Penalty
- George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science

Presentation Time: N/A

Submitted by: Cancy McArn, Chief Human Resources Officer

Approved by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent

Agenda Item: Approve Submission of State Board of Education Waiver Request for 2021-22 Instructional Time Penalty for George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science

Speaker: Cancy McArn, Chief Human Resources Officer

Quick Summary:

George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science requests that the State Board of Education (SBE) waive the instructional time requirement audit penalty for the 2021-22 fiscal year. During the 2021-22 school year, George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science experienced a shortage of three instructional days caused by a teacher strike. In addition, the shortage of days led to a reduction in the annual instructional minutes, leading to the following shortages:

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Waiver will be submitted to the California Department of Education for approval by the SBE.

Recommended Motion:

Authorize district staff to file the request for the SBE to waive the annual instructional day and minute requirement audit penalties for the 2021-22 fiscal year.