BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: BSEP Planning and Oversight Committee
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DATE: March 27, 2018
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Expenditure of BSEP Funds for Libraries in FY 2018-19

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to Measure E1 of 2016, "Seven and a quarter percent (7.25%) of the Available Revenues shall be allocated annually to provide student access to quality school libraries, which shall be maintained by providing library staff to operate the District's K-12 school and other specialized libraries, and by allocating revenues for books, materials, services and equipment for the school libraries."[1]

Program Objectives

The library program aims to foster curiosity, creativity and critical thinking - and of course, a love of reading. Our focus is to provide a wide range of print and digital books, online resources, and curricular programming to address every student's academic and independent reading needs. We work with classroom teachers, staff and families to deepen reading engagement, build digital literacy and digital citizenship, and improve student achievement and engagement for each and every student.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FY 2017-18

The following recommendation is for the allocation of funds for the Purpose of Libraries in 2018-19 in accordance with BSEP Measure E1.

Library Staffing _ $1,720,925

- District Library Coordinator 1.00 FTE
- Elementary Teacher Librarian/DigiTech TSAs 2.00 FTE*
- Elementary Library Media Specialists 9.70 FTE**
- Middle School Teacher Librarians 3.00 FTE
- Middle School Library Media Technicians 1.86 FTE
- BHS Teacher Librarians 2.00 FTE
- BHS Library Media Technician 0.80 FTE

*0.4 FTE funded by Professional Development funds
**increase of 0.1 FTE @ LeConte

[1] BSEP Measure E1 of 2016, Section 3.B.i

promotions; manage library acquisitions and circulation; and oversee management of their site's textbook collection. For the 2018-19 school year, our secondary Teacher Librarian staffing ratio is shifting slightly. The middle schools and BHS will remain the same, with one Teacher Librarian at each middle school and two at BHS. At BTA, the

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Summer Extended Day Library Program

Berkeley Public Library through their OverDrive Collection to expand our digital audiobook and ebook resources for our secondary schools.

We support reading promotions such as *We Need Diverse Books*, *California Young Reader Medal*, *Mock Newbery*, the *Cook Prize* for STEM picture books, and our curriculum initiatives such as *Welcoming Schools, Toolbox*, Gender Inclusive communities. Author and illustrator visits are supported with additional autographed print copies of their books in our libraries, often in collaboration with our local independent bookstores. We provide additional materials for students at our Bilingual and TWI schools who are studying core curriculum and pursuing free reading in Spanish.

Online Research Databases

Subscription online databases are designed with student learning in mind, and are essential for academic success throughout their lives. Linked on every school library website, these advertising-free resources offer high quality vetted information. An exciting and long-anticipated development going into effect for the 2018-19 school year is the statewide purchase of three major databases for California K-12 students via the California State Library. This means our K-12 subscription to *World Book Online* will be replaced by *Encyclopedia Britannica,* and our subscription to *TeachingBooks* will be covered. In addition, we are gaining full K-12 access to the *ProQuest* suite, previously only available at BHS. *Tales2Go* is our streaming audiobook service for all elementary students. The elementary *TrueFlix* subscription provides ebook -1.15dioboksides e ele

RESOURCE SUMMARY

The library allocation of BSEP revenue funds the Library Program Plan for 2018-19. We

presentation equipment with mounted projectors and screens at the 10 sites that do not have this installation currently. (Note: BHS, John Muir, Longfellow and Willard are set up already.)

Budget Summary for Libraries in 2018-19
BSEP Measure A, Resource 0761