

COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Call and Notice of BOARD STUDY SESSION
of the
Board of Trustees

September 8, 2009

A G E N D A

MISSION STATEMENT: *The mission of the Compton Unified School District is to ensure that every student has an equitable, high quality elementary and secondary education within a safe environment.*

BOARD AGENDA PACKETS AND INFORMATION:

Complete Board meeting packets are available for review at the Front Lobby Reception Counter.

*Complete Board agendas and packets are available online at:
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REVIEWING AND LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETINGS:

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ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS:

The public is warmly invited to attend and participate in all CUSD Board of Trustees meetings.

Location: Education Service Center Board Room
501 South Santa Fe Avenue
Compton, CA 90221

Time: **The Board of Trustees' Study Session meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.** The Board will convene at 5:00 p.m. in the Education Service Center Board Room to receive comments from anyone wishing to address the Board regarding closed session items (see Exhibit B). The Board will then adjourn to closed session in Room 109 and reconvene in open session to address the regular agenda (Exhibits C-G) at 6:30 p.m.

COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES **NORMS & PROTOCOLS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE**

SHARED GOALS

- **Maximum academic achievement for all students**
- **Safe and orderly environment for all students and employees**
- **Efficient and effective support operations for all students, families, teachers and administrators**
- **Efficient and equitable distribution of resources to address the needs of all students, to the maximum extent feasible**
- **Improved public confidence and strong parent/community engagement.**

CORE BELIEFS

- **We will maximize academic achievement of all students**
- **We want a safe and orderly environment for all students and employees**
- **We want efficient and effective support of operations for all students, families, teachers and administrators**
- **We want efficient and equitable distribution of resources to address the needs of all students, to the maximum extent feasible**
- **We want public confidence and strong parent/community engagement**

CODE OF CONDUCT & PROTOCOLS

- **Our first and greatest concern is the educational welfare of all students in the city of Compton**
- **Our second concern is our fiduciary responsibility to our constituents and the tax payers of the City of Compton, making our role that of a policy maker not an administrator.**
- **Abide by the California School Boards Association Code of Conduct, as adopted and State Ethics code.**
- **Superintendent should consider input from the Board on District related matters.**
- **Respect staff and Board Members**
- **Prepare ourselves for all meetings so our comments and questions are clear, concise, and allow timely conversation.**
- **Listen carefully and with courtesy to other members' comments, respond only when appropriate.**
- **We shall recognize that a Board Member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a Board meeting.**
- **Board Members should respect and support the majority decision of the Board.**
- **We shall abide by majority decisions of the Board while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.**
- **We shall take no private action that may compromise the Board or administration and shall respect the confidentiality of privileged information.**
- **Board members shall recognize that the Superintendent has administrative authority in accordance with school board policy and state law, and that Superintendent shall take into account any Board input prior to acting on personnel matters.**
- **Complaints and problems from parents, community members or employees should be discussed with the Superintendent to seek positive solutions before airing matters publicly.**

COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DECLARATION OF BELIEFS AND VISIONS

Acknowledging the long existing need to improve student achievement in the Compton Unified School District, and the current Program Improvement status of the district; the Board of Trustees establishes the following mission statement, state of the district declaration, core beliefs, and expectations for accountability:

To improve the performance of Compton students significantly, the trustees of the Compton Unified School District (CUSD) commit to an essential restructuring and reform of the district.

We acknowledge the effective work of thousands of talented, dedicated teachers, administrators, and other educators. We believe, however, that the district's performance can and must be improved.

We realize also that the serious urban problems that characterize most of America's largest cities also exist in Compton and spill into the schools. We realize that CUSD is a district comprised of diverse groups. We also know that even our best schools are not performing at world-class levels. We realize that CUSD students represent great diversity in terms of culture, ethnicity, language, and economic status. We believe that this rich cultural diversity requires flexibility and focused attention on the individual needs of students to achieve improved learning.

We make the following declaration relative to our current state:

- 1. *The overall achievement level of our students must be improved***
- 2. *The dropout rate is unacceptably high***
- 3. *The district and its schools are overly regulated by compliance issues***
- 4. *School safety must be improved***
- 5. *We must develop family-friends schools, focused on increasing engagement of parents.***
- 6. *The District is not responsive to the fundamental needs of our Community.***

We, the Board of Education, hold the following beliefs:

- 1. *We believe all children will learn at higher levels.***
The Compton Unified School District has the responsibility to provide the quality of education and a safe environment that allows every child to learn at higher levels. The capacity to learn is not determined or limited by race, family income, native language, gender or area of residence.
- 2. *We believe all children will reach their learning potential and that the achievement gap can be eliminated.***
The Compton Unified School District must provide equal access to quality education regardless of race, family income, gender, native language, special needs or area of residence. Providing equal access to high quality education for every child may require the investment of unequal resources to ensure an equitable outcome.
- 3. *We believe schools have an enormous impact on children's lives.***
To improve educational outcomes for all students, a highly qualified and effective teacher must be in every classroom, and every school must have a highly qualified and effective principal who is an instructional leader. Improving the educational outcomes for our students will require support from all segments of our community including parents, caregivers, businesses, elected and appointed officials, civic and faith-based organizations, along with the District's leaders, staff and students. Parents and caregivers are responsible for sending their children to school ready to learn, but the School District is responsible for educating all children regardless of family support or involvement. Children have an obligation to come to school ready to learn, but the District cannot abandon those who do not and must ensure that these students learn as well.
- 4. *We believe the Compton Unified School District will become a high performing organization.***
Sustainable reforms are possible only if parents have meaningful choices. The Compton Unified School District must develop effective partnerships with parents and caregivers - based upon trust and respect - that engage the District and the parents/caregiver in a plan of action to promote the "best interest" of the child.

All District activities will be measured by their ability to increase the academic achievement of students across the District in the most efficient and effective manner.

The District will launch, continue or expand only those efforts proven to raise student achievement here or demonstrated elsewhere. There are no "sacred cows."

To be sustainable, any reform must conform to realistic, strategic and financial plans.

COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
DECLARATION OF BELIEFS AND VISIONS (cont.)

5. We believe that all children *shall* be educated in a safe and orderly environment.

In order to maintain such an environment in all schools of the District, high standards with regard to dress, behavior and attendance will be promulgated and enforced in all schools. In addition, violations of the established code of student conduct in the areas of drugs, weapon, and assaults on students or staff will result in severe consequences.

Success on this area is our only option, and we, as leaders of the school system, declare that safe schools, along with improved student achievement are our highest priorities.

The time has come for dramatic restructuring and reform. A new educational structure is required that:

1. *Is built on the relationship between the teacher and the student;*
2. *Features shared decision-making, and decentralized as academic progress is made and where it continues to flourish;*
3. *Is focused on performance, not compliance;*
4. *Requires a common core of academic subjects for all students;*
5. *Allows for the uniqueness of each school community*

As a Board, we have developed the following outline of our vision for an improved CUSD:

CUSD ACCOUNTABILITY: Effectiveness requires accountability at all levels of the organization (certificated and classified). We believe that our schools must be held accountable for student performance, and central office must be held accountable for direction, support and overall improved student achievement within the district. We believe that principal and teacher input is central and must be evidenced in all major decisions. We further believe that the best interest of our students must be at the center of all decisions, and that principals must be the leaders of that decision making-process. We further acknowledge that:

- ❖ The Board of Trustees must provide guidance and support to local schools by establishing clear goals, high standards, and effective systems of evaluation, while at the same time giving schools the opportunity to develop and implement methods that best achieve those goals as evidenced by student performance.
- ❖ The central office must become an enabler with a powerful focus on achievement especially in low performing schools. Its role must be training, consulting, providing resources, and evaluating. Evaluation is based in improved student achievement and professional growth.
- ❖ Schools must be responsive to their communities, providing parents and members of the community (and where appropriate, students) with formal, structured input into decision-making.
- ❖ Schools must bring a sense of urgency to using tools that result in improved achievement, using the California Standards as their goal.
- ❖ Schools will:
 - Be led by a strong and effective principal
Outstanding leadership will be the norm and not evidenced in only a few of our schools.
 - Function as teams
 - Collaboratively develop a vision for improved student achievement and a plan to achieve that vision
 - Establish a plan of accountability for all employees

Order of Business

A. **OPENING**

A.1 *CALL TO ORDER*

**Mrs. Marjorie Shipp
Board President**

A.2 *ROLL CALL*

Micah Ali	()
Fred Easter	()
Joel Estrada	()
Emma Sharif	()
Marjorie Shipp	()
Mae Thomas	()
Satra Zurita	()
Kaye E. Burnside	()
Oseas Chavaque	()
<i>Student Board Member</i>	()

A.3 *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

A.4 *INVOCATION*

09/10-019 B. CLOSED SESSION

- ***PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS***
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)
 - Associate Superintendents
 - Senior Directors
 - Directors
 - Chief Facilities Officer
 - Administrators
 - Deputy Superintendent
 - Communications Coordinator
 - Program Manager
 - Teachers
 - Principals
 - Assistant Principals
 - Intervention Support Coordinator
 - Program Coordinator of Recruiting Services
 - Special Education-Transition Coordinator
 - Principal - Special Assignment
 - Instructional Support Administrators
 - Interim Principal
 - Interim Senior Director

- ***PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/SUSPENSION/RELEASE/
NONREELECTION/NONREEMPLOYMENT/LEAVE/RESIGNATION***
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

- ***CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - (Existing Litigation)***
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a))
 - Compton Unified School District v. South Santa Fe Limited Partnership, et al. (LASC Case No. BC 297833)
(Case names unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize service OF process or existing settlement negotiations)
 - SEHO Case No. SN05-00684; OAH Case Nos. N2005110837 and N2005120325; and Federal District Court - Case Nos. CV05-8860 R and CV06-0555R (VBKx)
 - Case No. TC019060 - (Case Name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize service of process or existing settlement negotiations)
 - Case No. LASC Case No. TCO20906 - (Case Name unspecified: Disclosure would jeopardize service of process or existing settlement negotiations)
 - GKK Works v. Compton Unified School District (LASC Case No. BC372955)
 - Compton Unified School District v. GKK Works (LASC Case No. BC 415131)
 - Williams v. Compton Unified School District, Case No. 07K18595
 - USDC Case No. CV08-02819; OAH Case No. N2007070980
 - Case No. TS 011754
 - LITIGATION REPORT:
 - 1) LASC BC 363613; LASC BC 363711; USDC CV-06-4717 AHM; OAH Case No. N2005110596; OAH Case No. N2005090626; OAH Case No. N2007070013; LASC Case No. CK 14016; OAH Case No. N2007070980; OAH Case No. N2007070980; OAH Case No. N2007070285; Employee Nos. 4901065; 4900547; 4900714; 4800005; 4800513; 4901288
 - 2) VC07-5476; BC 368843; TC19128; BC362696; TC018829; TC01932; BC355746; TS008862; BC376304; BC374540; TC020906; TC021281; 07C01470; TC020599; BC306593; BC308127; TC019377
 - In the Matter of the Personnel Commission Appeal - Employee/Client Number 007665.1085
 - 3) Legal Matters Update - Michael Declues - Declues, Burkett & Thompson
 - 4) Superior Court Case No. 0753134JW

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C. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- C.1 **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
- *Review of 2008/2009*
- *A look ahead to 2009/2010*
- *Context for Discussion Items*

D. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Presentation D.1 **Response to Intervention/Instruction (RtI) - William Tollestrup, Elk Grove USD**

Comment: The District was awarded a CalSTAT Technical Assistance Grant for \$4,000 to hire Mr. William Tollestrup as the RtI Consultant to train specified administrative and teacher groups on the process of support in schools implementing RtI. Mr. Tollestrup is from Elk Grove USD, the model RtI district that has no program improvement schools.

Recommendation: Approval to accept the staff development grant from CalSTAT and to ratify a consultant agreement with Mr. William Tollestrup at the September 22, 2009 Board Meeting. It is important not to lose the grant funding for this professional development that can only be used for these purposes.

Fiscal Impact: *California Service for Technical Assistance and Training (CalSTAT)/Napa County of Education State Personnel Technical Development Grant, income to the District in the amount of \$4,000.*

D.2 **Consultant - Norma Lemoine**

Comment: Dr. Norma Lemoine developed a comprehensive, research-based program designed to address the acquisition of school language, literacy and learning in students for whom Standard English is not native. Dr. Lemoine's work with our teachers and principals will focus on the following topics: Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy, Linguistically Responsive Instruction for Standard English Learners and Instructional Strategies for Facilitating Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching. This staff development is necessary to continue to increase the achievement of all students through differentiated instruction, based on students' specialized needs, and to support teachers in their efforts to meet the needs of all students.

Recommendation: We request that the Board of Trustees give this proposal consideration and approve Dr. Norma LeMoine's contract on September 22, 2009.

Fiscal Impact: *Professional Development Block Grant, not to exceed \$12,000.*

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS (cont.)

Presentation D.3 Consultant - Project SEED

Comment: Project SEED is a non-profit organization which employs specially trained mathematicians and scientists who use a highly successful, interactive, Socratic, group-discovery method of instruction to teach algebra and conceptual mathematics to elementary and middle school students to raise their achievement levels and academic confidence and prepare them for success in algebra and beyond. It provides the readiness for Algebra and will increase the number of students taking Algebra 1, therefore, ready for a four (4) year college.

Recommendation: It is recommended that consultant, Project SEED, is approved to provide services to the middle schools in CUSD and be ratified at the September 22, 2009 Board Meeting as to not delay instruction to students.

Fiscal Impact: *SLIBG Budget, not to exceed \$525,000.*

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA & NON AGENDA ITEMS

(Education Code 35145.5; Government Code 54950 et seq.)

All persons wishing to speak on Agenda & Non-Agenda items may do so at this point in the agenda. To be recognized to speak, the speaker must sign the sign-in sheet on the back table. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes per individual.

All persons who wish to speak during meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Compton Unified School District are expected to be courteous and respectful to other people and abide by the directions of the President of the Board in terms of when and how long they may speak. Further, no individual is to engage in making remarks demeaning or related to attacks on personnel. Failure to abide by the directions of the Board President may be disruptive to the meeting and may result in the person being ejected from the meeting. Disruption of a school board meeting is also unlawful and may result in criminal prosecution. (See Education Code Section 32210: Penal Code Sections 403, 415, and 416).

Members of the Board of Trustees, staff and community who participate in Board meetings are requested to discuss only matters directly related to District business and, thus, to focus their statements on the general subject matter of the issues.

Any criticism, comment, evaluation or observation regarding staff, including members of this administration, should be addressed exclusively in Closed Session. Anyone who makes defamatory remarks or makes personal attacks does so without the knowledge, authority, or approval of the District's Board of Trustees as a whole, the Administration, or the Superintendent.

If you wish to ask questions, please address them to the President and not to individual members of the Board of Trustees or to the staff. The Board and employees will listen to your questions and concerns, and the superintendent will direct follow-up as appropriate. Public comment is not intended for dialogue with Board Members or the superintendent. No disrespect is intended as this is a matter of protocol only.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS (cont.)

Presentation D.4 2009 Accountability Essentials Report

Comment: The presentation will provide the Board with information on 2009 standardized student test results and the Accountability Progress Reporting (APR), California Department of Education's (CDE) comprehensive accountability system which monitors the academic achievement of public schools. This accountability system, based on both state and federal requirements, provides student academic performance and growth data with API, AYP and PI reports.

Recommendation: CUSD continues to monitor the academic achievement of all schools by utilizing the most currently available student performance and growth data to make informed educational and fiscal decisions ensuring that every student has an equitable, high quality elementary and secondary education.

Fiscal Impact: *None*

Presentation D.5 Budget 101

Comment: To provide Board Members with a clear understanding of a school district budget.

Recommendation: None

Fiscal Impact: *None*

D.6 Resolution No. 09/10-04 "GANN LIMIT" for 2009/10 Fiscal Year

Comment: Gann Limit prohibits spending excess cash. The goal of Proposition 13 of 1978 was to cut local property taxes. A Draft was created as a spending-limit initiative to restrict growth of tax-funded programs and services. The adoption of the Gann Appropriation Limit is an annual requirement. The Gann Limit calculation begins with the total forecasted General Fund Revenue for Fiscal Year of 2009/2010.

Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution.

Fiscal Impact: *None*

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS (cont.)

D.7 2008/2009 Unaudited Actuals

Comment: The Unaudited Actuals is a report showing all revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2008/09. The revenues and expenditures reflected in this report are the final numbers with which the fiscal year is closed. The report is submitted to the Los Angeles County Office of Education and to the California Department of Education.

Recommendation: Approval of the Unaudited Actuals, Revenue and Expenditure Report and authorization to file document with the Los Angeles County Office of Education and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, California Department of Education.

Fiscal Impact: *None*

D.8 Opening of Schools Report

Comment: Each school year Board Members are provided a comprehensive summary on the "Opening of School". The August 31, 2009 Open School report will focus on enrollment data, free-reduced lunch applications and status, facilities project completion and readiness, Williams' compliance, employee placement and status. Board Members will have the opportunity to ask questions about specific areas of associated with school opening.

Recommendation: For information only

Fiscal Impact: *None*

F. BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS

**09/10-5003 F.1 Resolution No. 09/10-04 "GANN" Limit for 2009/2010 Fiscal Year
(E)**

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Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution.

Fiscal Impact: *None*

F. BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS (cont.)

**09/10-5004 E.8 2008/2009 Unaudited Actuals
(E)**

Comment: On or before September 15, 2009, the Board must approve the 2008/2009 Unaudited Actuals based on the Educational Code Section 42100, "..... the governing board of each district shall approve an annual statement of all receipts and expenditures of the District for the preceding fiscal year and shall file the statement with the county superintendent of schools."

Recommendation: Approval of the Unaudited Actuals, Revenue and Expenditure Report, and authorization to file document with the Los Angeles County Office of Education and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, California Department of Education.

Fiscal Impact: None

F. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SUPERINTENDENT

G. THE NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Education Service Center Board Room - September 22, 2009

09/10-9003 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting will adjourn at 10:30 p.m. The meeting may be extended by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

Approved:

Kaye E. Burnside, Ed.D.
Superintendent