



CITY of CALABASAS

CALABASAS EDUCATION FUND AGENDA REPORT

DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2007

TO: CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTORS

FROM: DR. GARY J. LYSIK, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR TITLE I STUDENTS AND GRANT AWARDS TO PARENT FACULTY CLUBS FOR SCHOOLS IN CALABASAS

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MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 28, 2007

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that: 1) the Chairman and Directors of the Calabasas Education Fund review the recommendations submitted by the Education Fund Liaisons regarding the approval of support for Title I students and grants to Parent Faculty Clubs (PFCs) of Calabasas schools, and 2) authorize the spending of \$148,500 for this purpose.

BACKGROUND:

The Calabasas Education Fund (Fund 88) was established to help finance certain educational needs in our community. As of September 2007, the Education Fund has an unallocated fund balance of \$308,230.45. On November 2, 2007, Education Fund Liaisons Mary Sue Maurer and Jonathon Wolfson met with the City Manager and the Chief Financial Officer to discuss how best to distribute these funds.

"The Title I program, operated by local education agencies, provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers or high percentages of poor children to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards" (ED.gov). Using government criteria, the Las Virgenes Unified School District (LVUSD) identified a total of 58 students currently attending schools within the City of Calabasas who are eligible for Title I support.

Recommended by the Education Fund Liaisons, the desired City contribution to each Title I student is \$2,000. Based on this amount, the proposed financial support offered to Calabasas Title I students would total \$116,000 (Table 1).

Table 1. *Title I Assistance, City of Calabasas*

Title 1 Assistance City of Calabasas			
<u>School Code - School Name</u>	<u>Total Student Count</u>	<u>Students Eligible for Title 1</u>	<u>Cost per School at \$2,000 per Student</u>
201 - Chaparral Elementary School	471	6	\$12,000
202 - Lupin Hill Elementary School	523	20	40,000
208 - Bay Laurel Elementary School	641	0	0
301 - A.E.Wright Middle School	328	9	18,000
303 - A.C.Stelle Middle School	752	8	16,000
502 - Calabasas High School	1,284	15	30,000
503 - Indian Hills High School	29	0	0
TOTAL	4,028	58	\$116,000

Additionally, the Education Liaisons have decided to offer grants to Calabasas schools in varying amounts. Grant amounts are as follows:

- \$2,500 per Elementary School
- \$5,000 per Middle School, and
- \$7,500 per High School

Based on this allocation, the total amount of education grants would total \$32,500.

All contributed funds (\$148,500) would be given to the Parent Faculty Clubs (PFCs) of each school listed in Table 1 above. The use of the funds may be conditional, and year-end reporting will be a requirement for acceptance of the funds.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City's General Fund will not be impacted by this decision, as funds have already been transferred from the General Fund to the Education Fund in prior fiscal years. The current balance available in the Education Fund totals \$308,230.45. Should this request be authorized and approved by the Education Fund Board Members, a total of \$148,500 would be issued to the various PFCs, leaving a remaining fund balance of \$159,730.45.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff is requesting that the Education Fund Board Members review this proposal, discuss its benefits, and provide direction as to the awarding of Title I support to Calabasas students and grants to Parent Faculty Clubs for Calabasas schools.

ATTACHMENTS:

None