Executive Summary
Board Date: February 14, 2006

SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF CULTIVATING LITERATE YOUNG CITIZENS GRANT

Recommendation(s):
The superintendent recommends that the board ratify submission of the proposal for Cultivating Literate Young Citizens Grant application and assurances for FY 2006-2009.

Summary of Previous Board of Education Discussion and Action:
This is a new application.

Summary of Key Issue(s):
The Teaching American History Grant program is a discretionary grant program funded under Title II-C, Subpart 4 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The goal of the program is to support programs that raise student achievement by improving teachers' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of American history.

The Cultivating Literate Young Citizens Grant will provide professional development for teachers of grades K-6 in the selected schools who have not met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The professional development will consist of the basics in U.S. Government, American Heroes, and “how to be a good citizen.” External partners include UCSD History Department, CREATE, San Diego Historical Society, and the Constitutional Rights Foundation. Teachers will participate in a two-week summer institutes and a maximum of six follow-up professional development sessions per year. Follow-up sessions will be structured to minimize out-of-class time. Teacher stipends and substitute costs will be provided by grant funds. Ratification is required due to submittal of grant application prior to board approval. The deadline to submit the grant application was February 9, 2006.

Fiscal Analysis:
The project will award $1 million per year and San Diego City Schools will be the fiscal agent. It is estimated that district share of the award will be $160,000 each year. The grant is a three year project with a total of $480,000 to be received by the district. The funding for this project will be provided by the U.S. Department of Education, Teaching American History Grant. The annual direct cost of $154,336 will be paid by the funding source. The indirect allowance of (3.67%) for administrative costs of $5,664 will be paid by the funding source.

Chief Administrative Officer

Chief of Staff

“The mission of San Diego City Schools is to improve student achievement by supporting teaching and learning in the classroom.”