Paramount Unified School District

TO:

Ruth Pérez, Superintendent

FROM:

Ranita Browning, Interim Assistant Superintendent-Business Services

DATE:

June 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Resolution 15-41, the Education Protection Account

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Education Protection Account (EPA) is the vehicle for collecting and distributing funds which are generated by the temporary tax increases authorized by Proposition 30. Similar to local property taxes, districts' State Aid is reduced by one dollar for each dollar received from the EPA.

The funds received from the EPA cannot be used for salaries or benefits for administrators or any other administrative cost. Therefore, staff is recommending that the 2016-17 EPA funds be used for teacher salaries.

EPA funds will be paid in four quarterly payments, made at the end of each quarter in September, December, March and June.

POLICY/ISSUE:

California Constitution - Article XIII, Section 36

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 15-41, determining that all Education Protection Account funds shall be used to pay teacher salaries.

PREPARED BY:

Ranita Browning, Interim Assistant Superintendent-Business Services

DISTRICT PRIORITY 9:

Effectively manage resources in order to achieve the District's mission.

ACTION ITEM: 4.2-A

PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 15-41

The Education Protection Account

WHEREAS, the voters approved Proposition 30 on November 6, 2012;

WHEREAS, Proposition 30 added Article XIII, Section 36 to the California Constitution effective November 7, 2012;

WHEREAS, the provisions of Article XIII, Section 36(e) create in the State General Fund an Education Protection Account to receive and disburse the revenues derived from the incremental increases in taxes imposed by Article XIII, Section 36(f);

WHEREAS, before June 30th of each year, the Director of Fiscal Services shall estimate the total amount of additional revenues, less refunds that will be derived from the incremental increases in tax rates made pursuant to Article XIII, Section 36(f) that will be available for transfer into the Education Protection Account during the next fiscal year;

WHEREAS, if the sum determined by the State Controller is positive, the State Controller shall transfer the amount calculated into the Education Protection Account within 10 days preceding the end of the fiscal year;

WHEREAS, all monies in the Education Protection Account are hereby continuously appropriated for the support of school districts, county offices of education, charter schools and community college districts;

WHEREAS, a community college district, county office of education, school district, or charter school shall have the sole authority to determine how the monies received from the Education Protection Account are spent in the school or schools within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the District shall make the spending determinations with respect to monies received from the Education Protection Account in open session of a public meeting of the Governing Board;

WHEREAS, the monies received from the Education Protection Account shall not be used for salaries or benefits for administrators or any other administrative cost;

WHEREAS, each community college district, county office of education, school district and charter school shall annually publish on its website as accounting of how much money was received from the Education protection Account and how it was spent;

WHEREAS, the annual independent financial and compliance audit required of community college districts, county offices of education, school districts, and charter schools shall ascertain and verify whether the funds provided from the Education Protection Account have been properly disbursed and expended as required by Article XIII, Section 35 of the California Constitution;

WHEREAS, expenses incurred by community college districts, county offices of education, school districts, and charter schools to comply with the additional audit requirements of Article XIII, Section 36 may be paid with funding from the Education protection Act and shall not be considered administrative costs for purposes of Article XIII, Section 36.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The monies received from the Education Protection Account shall be spent as required by Article XIII, Section 36 and the spending determinations on how the money will be spent shall be made in open session of a public meeting of the Governing Board of the Paramount Unified School District;
- 2. In compliance with Article XIII, Section 36(e), with the California Constitution, the Governing Board of the Paramount Unified School District has determined to spend the monies received from the Education Protection Act on teacher salaries and fringe benefits.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of June, 2016.

Tony Peña, President Board of Education

Linda Garcia, Vice President

Board of Education

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Board of Education

Sonya Quellar, Member Board of Education

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