CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD REPORT

To: Board of Trustees

From: Bob Presby, Associate Superintendent, Human Resource Services

Date: June 15, 2022

Board Item: Certificated Substitute Rate of Pay 2022-2023

HISTORY

HRS began its recruitment efforts in securing substitutes in early summer. The following actions were taken as early as June 2020:

- CUSD Substitute Website redesign
- Ed-Join posting beginning in July
- Internet/radio ads specifically to attract subs
- Email survey to gather input on taking in-person assignments (over 400 responded that they would work in person this year, once schools reopened)
- Paid summer training in August for 504 substitutes on Health and Safety Protocols and Canyas

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Once school re-opened to in-person learning, the data reflected only 130-150 subs were taking daily jobs which left 40-50% of positions unfilled each day, 20% of them certificated. Based on this data, staff took the following actions to increase the number of available subs:

- Outreach efforts to local community colleges and universities to recruit subs
- New student teachers are sent an email when they start their assignments encouraging them to apply as substitutes
- Increased daily sub rate to \$175 through December 31, 2020
- Contracted with Strategic Kids to cover Extended Learning in order to release certificated subs back into the sub pool
- Surveyed subs to determine reasons for not accepting jobs (health and safety, children at home were top reasons)
- Email blasts outlining health and safety protocols
- Banners at all school sites and on District website
- Currently producing a new video to attract subs which will include testimonials from current subs and reflect health and safety protocols in place
- Made additional trainings available to subs
- Working with Aesop to specify which positions are online only in efforts to attract subs who will potentially cover online only classes
- We continue to process new substitutes each week

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS

Currently, our daily fill rates are nearly 80%, and the number of unfilled certificated jobs is less than 10%. The table below describes the fill rate data for May, 2022:

| Date | # of Unfilled Positions | Date | # of Unfilled Positions |
|------|----------------------------|------|----------------------------|
| 5/2 | 16 | 5/16 | 6 |
| 5/3 | 4 | 5/17 | 5 |
| 5/4 | 3 | 5/18 | 2 |
| 5/5 | 18 | 5/19 | 7 |
| 5/6 | 18 | 5/20 | 14 |
| 5/9 | 14 | 5/23 | 7 |
| 5/10 | 4 | 5/24 | 8 |
| 5/11 | 2 | 5/25 | 10 |
| 5/12 | 13 | 5/26 | 9 |
| 5/13 | 22 | 5/27 | 21 |

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To continue the rate of pay for the 2022-2023 school year, only would be an increase of approximately \$850,000. This would include benefits and would be funded by the general fund.

| # of Days | Rate of Pay | | |
|--------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1-10 | \$185 | | |
| 11-30 | \$195 | | |
| 31 + | \$210 | | |

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Based on the aforementioned data, the District is requesting a continuance of the current substitute rate of pay for the 2022-23 school year. This will allow the District to remain competitive in the current substitute marketplace, as well as allow the District to take a proactive approach to the hiring of substitutes over the summer months in preparation of the upcoming school year.

APPROVED BY: Bob Presby, Associate Superintendent, Human Resource Services