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### **Welcome Back!**

Dear SLPS Family:

The school year for our students begins in only 7 days. Where has the time gone? For those of you who are just returning to work, welcome back! I hope you had a restful summer.

This week will be a very busy one as we prepare for the 2012-2013 school year. Please note the Professional Development Brochure on page two of this issue of the Superintendent's Bulletin. This document provides you with all the information you will need to take advantage of this week's professional development activities.

The Saint Louis Public School District is joining other districts nation-wide in embracing the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English/ Language Arts. These standards will improve teaching and learning to ensure that all children will graduate high school with the skills they need to be successful in college and their careers. We will focus our work this year on the implementation of the District Literacy Model, academic language across disciplines, and project-based learning to meet the rigor of the Common Core State Standards. Students will read challenging texts, reflect with peers on their meaning, and engage in high-level reading, writing, and thinking in all content areas.

Summer was anything but quiet around the District, as many facility improvements have taken place at District buildings, all a result of Prop S funds. From improved restrooms to updated cafeterias, new playgrounds to state-of-the-art science labs, this District is moving forward when it comes to our facilities. We are working every day to make this District the best it can be for our students.

With the start of school also comes the release of the annual Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) results. Principals and Central Office administrators are reviewing and examining the data to ensure the accuracy of our results, which will be released to the public on August 14, 2012. They are also determining trends and making recommendations to increase student achievement.

The District will begin the 2012-2013 school year with four new schools. We are expanding the International Welcome School to include high school students at the former Gallaudet building. To accommodate the addition of hundreds of new students from the former Imagine Schools, we have relocated the Madison Multiple Pathways students and staff to the former Stevens Middle School building and now have the Alternative Program at the former Stevens Middle School serving students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. In turn, Madison School on South 7<sup>th</sup> Street is now the College Preparatory High School at Madison. The District is also leasing the former Imagine School on Spring Avenue and will house the Academy of Environmental Science & Mathematics Elementary School and the Academy of Environmental Science & Mathematics Middle School at that location.

Once again, welcome back to SLPS. Let's make this school year the best ever for our students and families in the St. Louis Public Schools. I am extremely excited to begin this school year and I know it will be a great year!

Sincerely,

#### Kelvin R. Adams, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools



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#### **Important Dates**

•	8/9/12	SAB Meeting
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8/13/12 First Day of School for K-12
8/20/12 First Day of School for Pre-K

• 8/23/12 SAB Meeting

• 9/3/12 Labor Day Holiday – No School

• 9/6/12 SAB Meeting

• 9/21/12 Professional Development – No Students

• 9/27/12 SAB Meeting

#### **Contributions**

The *Superintendent's Bulletin* is a bi-weekly newsletter from the Superintendent and the Executive Leadership Team. Items of interest to SLPS employees will be considered. Please send all contributions to:

#### Superintendent's Bulletin

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The preferred submission method is via e-mail. The deadline for submitting items for the August 20, 2012 issue is Wednesday, August 15, 2012 by NOON.

#### **Back To School Opening Activities**

Submitted by the Office of Professional Development



Welcome back. We hope you had a great summer and are now excited and ready to get back to the classroom. The school year begins next Monday, August 13, and we have much to accomplish before then. Please remember that District-wide Professional Development is tomorrow, August 7 and Wednesday, August 8. Please register for your sessions through My Learning Plan. If you have any problems logging in to My Learning Plan, contact Vanessa Selvey at 345-2215.

Please review the 2012 SLPS Back To School Professional Development brochure on the District website under the Employees tab, or you may access the brochure by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

## **SLPS Employee Discounts Featured On District Website**

Submitted by the Office of Public Information



From time-to-time, SLPS employees are offered special discounts by vendors of the District. When these offers are provided, they will be posted to the District website under the employees tab by clicking on the SLPS Employee Discounts link. Currently, SLPS employees are being offered a discount of 17% from AT&T on monthly voice, data and tablet plans that are \$35 per month or higher.

To learn more about the AT&T SLPS employee discount offer, please click here.

### **Soldan Class of 1987 Is Looking For Golfers**

Submitted by the Soldan Class of 1987



The Soldan High School Class of 1987 is hosting a golf tournament in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They are raising money to purchase a class gift for Soldan. SLPS staff members are asked by the Soldan Class of 1987 to help spread the word about this important fund-raiser.

The Tiger Golf Classic will be held on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm at The Quarry of Crystal Springs Golf Course. Entry fee is \$75 for an individual or \$300 for a team. Participants may register online at Soldan1987.com/registration.htm. For more details, please contact Vincent S. Boyd, tournament chair, at <a href="Vincent boyd@blumeyer-group.com">Vincent boyd@blumeyer-group.com</a> or at (309) 310-3945.

#### **SLPS Paychecks Are Now Paperless**

**Submitted by the Payroll Department** 



If you are not already aware, SLPS is now a Paperless Pay District. Employees will no longer receive a printed Direct Deposit Slip. All employees must enroll in the Paperless Pay program. If you have not already enrolled, please click on the link below to enroll, where you will see your last two pay periods online:

https://paperlesspay.talx.com/slps

Some of you may be asked to enter the EMPLOYER CODE. If so, please enter 13732.

Most of you will be taken directly to the screen that asks for your **EMPLOYEE I.D.** Here you must enter your Social Security Number – without the dashes. *This is NOT asking for your SLPS logon ID – again, your I.D. is your SSN!* 

Then you will be asked for your PIN NUMBER. Your temporary PIN NUMBER is the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number plus the year you were born, i.e. 1960. You will be prompted to create your own PIN NUMBER after this initial sign-on. It must be at least 8 digits, but no more than 16 – please create a string that is easy for you to remember!

Please call or stop by Payroll if you are having trouble enrolling or logging on – we will be happy to assist you.

## **Proposition S Update**

**Submitted by the Department of Operations** 



Proposition S projects are moving forward throughout the District. Each issue of the Superintendent's Bulletin will include the latest update, as provided by the Department of Operations. For the latest update, please click here.

#### **July 10 SAB Meeting Recap**

The Board at its July 10, 2012 meeting approved the following items, excluding those approved at the June 26, 2012, meeting.

- **07-10-12-01** To approve the acceptance of the second installment of funds from the Community Development Administration in the amount of \$172,000.
- **07-10-12-02** To approve the acceptance of an additional \$18,000 for the 2011-2012 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The total amount received is now \$263,674.
- **07-10-12-03** To approve the expenditures up to \$72,500 to support the 2012-2013 Back-to-School Fair.
- **07-10-12-04** To approve the 2012-2013 contract budget for transportation services with First Student, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$20,920,785 which includes \$450,000 for Metro bus passes for the period July 11, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending the availability of funds. **FUNDING SOURCE:** GOB
- **07-10-12-05** To approve the May 2012 Monthly Board Transaction Report.
- **07-10-12-06** To approve the 2012-2013 workers' compensation incentive program and the payment/pre-payment of incentives in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.
- 07-10-12-07 (As posted, this item reflected a correction from 2012-2013 to 2013-2014, The correct opening is 2012-2013.) To approve the opening of three (3) new schools in the St. Louis Public Schools District. (Academy of Environmental Science and Mathematics Elementary School, Academy of Environmental Science and Mathematics Middle School and The College Preparatory High School @ Madison School) for the 2012/2013 school session.
- **07-10-12-08** To approve the opening of the St. Louis Public School's *New American High School* program at the Gallaudet school building for grades 9 through 12 beginning the 2012-2013 school session.
- **07-10-12-09** To approve the Student Code of Conduct Handbook for the 2012-2013 school year.
- **07-10-12-10** To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with HOSCO, LLC to provide agricultural training, healthy cooking and nutrition classes and participation in the Health and Wellness Council for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. **FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A
- **07-10-12-11** To approve a membership renewal with CharacterPlus of the Cooperating School District in the amount of \$6,280 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending the availability of funds.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-12** To approve a contract with Ranken Technical College for a combined total of 74 middle and high school students to attend the 2012 Ranken Adventure Academy program July 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and July 23<sup>rd</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in a total amount not to exceed \$7,030, pending the availability of funds.

**FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB** 



**07-10-12-13** To approve a contract with Confluence Preparatory Academy (Confluence) for enrollment of Confluence's students into St. Louis Public Schools' Career and Technical Education program at a rate of \$2,000 per student for the 2012-2013 school year.

**FUNDING SOURCE: N/A** 

**07-10-12-14** To approve a contract with Project Construct to provide professional development to pre-school teachers at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 for the period July 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012, pending the availability of funds.

**FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB** 

To approve a sole source contract with the Father Support Center to provide parenting support for teen fathers at Vashon, Sumner, Roosevelt and Meda P high schools for the period September 1, 2012 through May 30, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$10,800, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-16** To approve a contract renewal with Cooperating School Districts in conjunction with Tremco/Weatherproofing Technologies Inc. to provide roofing inspections, repair and replacement services for the period July 11, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$2,500,000. **FUNDING SOURCE:** Proposition S

**07-10-12-17** To approve a contract renewal with Dynamic Vending to provide beverage and snack machine services to District buildings and schools. This is the second year of a 5 year contract. The period

will be July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. **FUNDING SOURCE**: N/A

**07-10-12-18** To approve a contract renewal with Rubin Brown, LLP to audit governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the period July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$193,000, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: GOB

**07-10-12-19** To approve a contract renewal with Achievement Commitment and Excellence Learning Centers for a total of 200 slots at \$5,200 per slot at a total cost not to exceed \$1,040,000 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: GOB

**07-10-12-20** To approve a contract renewal with Blue Hills Community Services for disbursement of funds to non-public schools for Title II-A program at a cost not to exceed \$160,000 for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-21** To approve a contract renewal with Metropolitan Speech and Language Center to provide foreign language interpreting services at a cost not to exceed \$18,000 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending funding availability.

**FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB** 

**07-10-12-22** To approve a contract renewal with Midwest Music Therapy Services, Inc. to provide music therapy at a cost not to exceed \$77,500 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending funding availability.

**FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB** 

**07-10-12-23** To approve a contract renewal with Deaf Way Interpreting Services to provide sign language interpreting services at a cost not to exceed \$355,500 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending funding availability.



FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-24** To approve a contract renewal with Listening for Learning to provide audiology services at a cost not to exceed \$46,500 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-25** To approve contract renewals with Supplemental Health Care and Elite Medical Staffing Group to provide nursing services at a total combined cost not to exceed \$361,760 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

To approve contract renewals with Annie Malone Emerson Academy, Edgewood Children's home, Epworth Children and Family Services, Logos School, Family Resource Center and Our Little Haven to provide private placement services at a total combined cost not to exceed \$1,985,872 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

- **07-10-12-27** To approve contract renewals with Educational Based Services, City Speech, Cumberland Therapy and Career Staff Unlimited to provide speech therapy services at a total combined cost not to exceed \$1,091,230 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending funding availability. **FUNDING SOURCE:** Non-GOB
- **07-10-12-28** To approve contract renewals with Supplemental Health Care, Rehab Choice International and Cumberland Therapy Services to provide occupational and physical therapy services at a total combined cost not to exceed \$627,130 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending funding availability.

**FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB** 

**07-10-12-29** To approve a sole source contract renewal with Institute For Family Medicine to provide services of a Medical Director for the District's Office of Health Services at a total cost not to exceed \$12,000 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-30** To approve the extension of the contract with the Missouri School Boards' Association for Medicaid Direct Billing services through September 30, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$10% of the generated revenue.

**FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB** 

**07-10-12-31**Approved at the 6/26/12 Meeting

To approve the renewal of St. Louis Public School's group benefits cost for plan year 2013. The estimated renewal amount based on 3,393 employees is \$693.78 per employee per month or an estimated \$28,247,796.

FUNDING SOURCE: All Funds

- **07-10-12-32** To adopt and approve a Policy Statement of the Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis In Relation to Working Conditions for School Nurses for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.
- **07-10-12-33** To approve a sole source purchase from the College Board/AP Exams for 2012 Testing fees at a cost not to exceed \$24,736, pending funding availability.

**FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB** 

**07-10-12-34** To approve a sole source purchase from Pearson Psychological Corporation for psychological educational assessment and evaluation test kits, supplemental protocols and scoring software at a cost not to exceed \$6,193.46, pending funding availability.



**FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB** 

**07-10-12-35** To approve a sole source purchase from Western Psychological Services Publishing Company for psychological educational assessment and evaluation test kits, supplemental protocols and scoring software at a cost not to exceed \$5,669.40, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-36** To approve a sole source purchase from Riverside Publishing Company for psychological educational assessment and evaluation test kits, supplemental protocols and scoring software at a cost not to exceed \$5,938.90, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-37** To approve the purchase of Frequency Modulation systems from Lightspeed and Oticon at a total combined cost not to exceed \$14,947, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-38** To approve the cost of printing the 2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct Handbook by Xerox (lowest bidder) at a cost not to exceed \$20,767.50, pending funding availability.

FUNDING SOURCE: GOB

**07-10-12-39** To approve the purchase of a renewal Athletic Accident Insurance policy through our insurance broker, R.S. Klostermeyer & Associates at a cost not to exceed \$57,000, for the period August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013.

**FUNDING SOURCE: GOB** 

**07-10-12-40** To ratify acceptance of the funds from DESE for the Math and Science Tutoring Program in the amount of \$300.000.

6/26/12 Meeting FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-41** To ratify a sole source licensing contract with Education Logistics, Inc. for transportation software at a cost not to exceed \$9,412 for the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

FUNDING SOURCE: GOB

**07-10-12-42** To ratify a contract with Sunfarm Food Service to provide support to the Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program at a cost not to exceed \$277,750.87 for the 2011-2012 school year.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-43** To ratify contracts with Demetrious Johnson Charitable Foundation, North Campus Partnership and Mark Twain Community Resource Center to provide tutoring in Math and/or Science to 235 students at a cost not to exceed \$189,000 for the period June 18<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

FUNDING SOURCE: Non-GOB

**07-10-12-44**To amend Board Resolution Number 06-07-12-12 a contract renewal with Steven R. Carroll and Associates by \$5,000. The Board originally approved an amount of \$78,000 that referenced "to include expenses". However, the expenses were not built-in the original request. If this request is approved, the total contracted amount will be \$83,000. The period remains the same, July 1, 2012 through

June
30,
2013.

O7-10-12-45

Approved at the 6/26/12 Meeting

To amend Board Resolution Number 05-17-12-12 contracts with Metropolitan Taxicab Corporation, St. Louis County Cab Company, Inc. and Harris Cab Company by \$300,000. The additional cost is needed for the Students in Transition Program Summer School transportation and to pay 2010-2011 outstanding bills. If this request is approved, the total contracted amount will be \$2,114,500.



**07-10-12-46** To approve the opening of the Heritage Academy beginning with the **2012/2013** 2013-2014 school session.

**O7-10-12-47**WALK ON ITEM

To approve a contract with Raineri Construction to provide flooring, lighting and painting at Beaumont, Central VPA and Vashon High Schools. The work shall begin on July 11, 2012 and end on August 15, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$176,985.60, which includes a 10% contingency of \$16.089.60.

FUNDING SOURCE: Proposition S

To approve a contract with Kozeny Wagner to provide installation of kitchen equipment at multiple schools. The work shall begin on July 11, 2012 and end on August 15, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$3,153,650.50, which includes a 10% contingency of \$286,695.50. This project will be funded through the Proposition S Bond Program.

FUNDING SOURCE: Proposition S

**O7-10-12-49** To approve a contract with Demien Construction to provide restroom and accessibility updates for the category 3 & 4 schools. The work shall begin on July 11, 2012 and end on August 30, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$4,626,050, which includes a 10% contingency of \$420,550.

FUNDING SOURCE: Proposition S

**07-10-12-50**WALK ON ITEM

To approve a contract with Jos. Ward Painting Company to paint the Aviation Garage at Gateway IT
High School. The work shall begin on July 11, 2012 and end on August 15, 2012 at a cost not to
exceed \$13,609.20, which includes a 10% contingency of \$1,237.20.

FUNDING SOURCE: Proposition S

#### The Board also approved the following items from the August 9, 2012 Items for Consideration Agenda.

**08-09-12-04** To approve an additional appropriation of \$7,129,333 to the FY 2012-2013 General Operating Budget in anticipation of incoming students from the Imagine Charter Schools due to their closing.

**08-09-12-05** To approve a contract with Chaifetz Arena for expenses related to the rental of the Arena for the 2012-2013 Back-to-School Fair at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. This year, the Fair will include a welcome back to school rally. Anticipated dates are August 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**FUNDING SOURCE: GOB** 

#### Meet the Special Administrative Board



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CLRP Chair Richard Gaines