



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA ITEM

DATE: April 11, 2017

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: EXPANDING CAMP LEAD (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

Camp LEAD (Leadership for Equity and Access District-wide) is a three-day and two-night leadership and development program for high school students. Camp LEAD allows students to take part in a series of activities designed to foster leadership skills and improve understanding and respect between students and law enforcement.

Camp LEAD, a program of Real Matters Inc. has been making a difference throughout San Diego County for close to twenty years and has been positively impacting the Grossmont Union High School District (GUHSD) for over 15 years, especially after the tragic shootings on the Santana High and Granite Hills High School campuses. Since then, Camp LEAD has expanded to approximately 6 camps per year each involving over 100 students.

The Camp LEAD's evidence based curriculum instills social and emotional proficiencies that are crucial to discovering and staying on a purposeful path. Program outcome data collected and analyzed by external evaluators comparing camp participant's data from the academic semester prior to camp to the semester following camp, shows the results of Camp LEAD have been overwhelmingly positive. High-risk students averaged fewer disciplinary referrals, missed fewer days of school, achieved better grades, and reduced their level of risk of not graduating on time.

Today's action directs the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Sheriff and Real Matters to explore the possibilities of expanding the Camp LEAD program not only within the Grossmont Union High School District, but also to other interested school districts and law enforcement agencies so that additional students are served each year.

Recommendation(s)

CHAIRWOMAN JACOB AND SHERIFF BILL GORE

Direct the CAO to work with the Sheriff, and Real Matters to explore the possibilities of expanding the Camp LEAD program not only within the Grossmont Union High School District, but also to other interested school districts and law enforcement agencies so that additional students are served each year, and return to the board within 90 days.

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Fiscal Impact

N/A

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

Background

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The goal of Camp LEAD is to provide students the tools to be more resilient and successful and to expand their personal horizons. Youth who participate in this social-emotional program learn empathy, respect, self-worth, and inclusiveness as well as the constructive leadership skills needed to disseminate these attributes among classmates and the community-at-large.

The Sheriff's Department plays a large role in the success of Camp LEAD. At the beginning of each camp Sheriff Deputies wear plain clothes, introduce themselves as camp counselors, and interact with camp participants just as any other adult would. Through this process the youth come to trust the deputies and work through problems they may be having in their everyday lives. On the last day of camp the deputies come out in uniform. The kids at camp gain a new respect for law enforcement, and the Sheriff deputies gain a valuable perspective on the lives of kids they are protecting every day.

The Camp LEAD curriculum is developed using evidence-based and instills social and emotional proficiencies that are crucial to discovering and staying on a purposeful path. Real Matters Inc. was established as means to create and own the curriculum and not as a tool to generate revenue. Program outcome data collected and analyzed by external evaluators comparing participant's data from the academic semester prior to camp to the semester following camp, shows the results of Camp LEAD have been overwhelmingly positive. High-risk students averaged fewer disciplinary referrals, missed fewer days of school, achieved better grades, and reduced their level of risk of not graduating on time.

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Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

Today's proposed action supports the Safe Communities Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan by taking actions to build bonds between the community and law enforcement and to improve the lives of kids in the region.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Chairwoman

BILL GORE
Sheriff

ATTACHMENT(S)
N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Supervisor NAME and Supervisor NAME

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