

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 13.1

Meeting Date: June 2, 2016

Subject: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Youth Development Support Services Department

Recommendation: Provide a greater understanding of CSEC to the Board and the community. Highlight the work of the Sexually Exploited Children and Teens (SECT) Collaborative within SCUSD.

Background/Rationale: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) involves crimes of a sexual nature against minors for financial or other economic gain. The original Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 defines severe forms of trafficking as “sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such as act has not attained 18 years of age”.

SCUSD has been serving CSEC (or trafficking survivors) since 2009, when a 6th grade elementary student was identified as being trafficked, and was recovered from a motel in Oakland. In response to growing community concerns, SCUSD co-founded the Sexually Exploited Children and Teens (SECT) Community Collaborative, in order to provide a comprehensive response to CSEC youth in the Sacramento area. In 2012, Students Together Reducing Exploitation and Trafficking (STREAT) Team was established to enhance youth voice to the efforts of reducing exploitation and supporting trafficking survivors.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): College and Career Ready Students; Family and Community

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Goal 5: Enhance direct services for youth who are at-risk for, or victims of CSEC

Objective 5.1: Enhance direct services for identified youth

- € Youth referred to intensive case management services as needed
- € Youth participate in STREAT Team activities
- € Youth referred to community resources as needed
- € Youth referred to mental health resources as needed

V. MAJOR INITIATIVES

Sexually Exploited Children and Teens (SECT) Community Collaborative: Established in 2009, this grassroots effort to mobilize the

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services so that no student falls through the cracks. Using trauma informed practices, all at-risk or identified CSEC victims within SCUSD have access to the following services:

Tier I: Advocacy; referrals to community providers; school re-entry; court advocacy; academic support;

Tier II: Peer mentoring; mentoring; school based support services; small group sessions;

Tier III: Crisis assessment; safety planning; suicide prevention; intensive case management; mental health referrals;

STREAT Team: STREAT Team (Students Together Reducing Exploitation And Trafficking) was founded on April 13, 2012 by three Sacramento youth activists. Their goal is to raise awareness among youth about issues related to sexual exploitation. The STREAT Team motto is "we recognized that young people are not the problem, they are the solution. STREAT Team, which is made up of both survivors and peer allies, is part of the solution." STREAT Team events are held at specific school sites, as well as in central locations, throughout the year.

STREAT Team groups are currently being held at the following school sites:

- € Rosemont High School
- € Rosa Parks K-8

YDSS works collaboratively with other youth serving organizations in Sacramento to help with sharing and developing best practices that will help improve the outcomes of at-risk and victims of CSEC in Sacramento. YDSS services on several leadership committees such as the following:

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Protect: SCUSD is collaborating with three non-profit organizations in partnership with the Office of the Attorney General for the State of California, and the California Department of Education to help educators and students across the state identify and prevent instances of human trafficking through a standardized educational curriculum.

Friday Court: A court room designated to serve male and female CSEC in Sacramento County. SCUSD advocates for our youth within the Court and provides ongoing support and case management to Court involved district students.

VI. RESULTS

- € The SECT program continues to inform local and statewide policy and programming, as well as provide training, awareness and direct support to SCUSD students and staff;
- € STREAT Team continues to provide a safe-space for CSEC and their allies, as well as provide opportunities for youth voice
- € Collaboration with the Student Hearing and Placement Office regarding early identification, and appropriate placement, of CSEC; including on-going mentoring and case management of identified student;
- € Collaboration with the Enrollment & Family Services Center; including intentional collaboration with the Student Attendance of Review Board (SARB);
- € Piloting of CSEC screening tool within SCUSD;
- € SECT/STREAT team has maintained contact with all but 3 identified CSEC since beginning case management services.
- € 18 STREAT Team students have graduated from high school since 2014.
- € 12 of our 18 graduates are actively pursuing or currently enrolled in secondary education. STREAT Team students are currently attending 2 and 4 year colleges locally and around the country.

VII. LESSON LEARNED

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