



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION REPORT

DATE: August 29, 2017
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For Introduction: September 20, 2017
For Action: October 4, 2017

1. TITLE

Rainier Beach School Improvement Grant (SIG) Year 4 Funding

2. PURPOSE

This Board Action Report is to accept the School Improvement Grant totaling \$1,116,623 for the 2017-2018 school year at Rainier Beach High School.

3. RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the School Board Authorize the Superintendent to accept the SIG year 4 funding for Rainier Beach High School.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- a. **Background** Rainier Beach High School applied for and received the School Improvement Grant Cohort III in April 2014. The grant period was from April 2014 to August 31, 2017. Year 4 funds are from a new grant that OSPI received from the US Department of Education in the Spring of 2017. Since the new grant award amount is consistent with previous grant amounts, OSPI was able to provide a slightly decreased level of funding to our SIG school for 2017-18. At this time we believe this is the final year of SIG grant funding for Cohort III. The grant's main purpose is to ensure equality in outcome for each student at Rainier Beach High School and raise on-time graduation rates from below 60%. Rainier Beach implemented the Transformation Modeling 2012 when the school applied for SIG Cohort II funding. The Transformational model focuses on transforming the school through developing and increasing teacher and school leader effectiveness; implementing comprehensive instructional reform strategies; increasing learning time and creating community-orientated schools; and providing operational flexibility and sustained support. The work of the grant is to be based in the 7 Principles of School Turnaround.
- b. **Alternatives** Not accept the funds. This is not recommended, as the funds will be used to continue the transformation of the systems at Rainier Beach High School.

- c. **Research** Since 2012, Rainier Beach has seen an increase in the 4 year graduation rate from 53.7% for the class of 2011 to 81.5% for the Class of 2015.

5. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE

Fiscal impact to this action will be the receipt of \$1,116,623 in grant funds.

The revenue source for this motion is federal School Improvement Grant.

Expenditure: One-time Annual Multi-Year N/A

Revenue: One-time Annual Multi-Year N/A

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

With guidance from the District’s Community Engagement tool, this action was determined to merit the following tier of community engagement:

Not applicable

Tier 1: Inform

Tier 2: Consult/Involve

Tier 3: Collaborate

An integral part of the SIG Transformation process is including students, families and Community Based Organizations in the planning process. Rainier Beach has a SIG planning team to oversee all actions around the grant.

7. EQUITY ANALYSIS

The Racial Equity tool was not used for this Board Action Report. The SIG funding from the Department of Education is intended to increase equity and to eliminate opportunity gaps at low performing, high poverty schools. The funding is to support system changes at Rainier Beach High School to substantially improve student achievement.

8. STUDENT BENEFIT

School Improvement Grant (SIG) dollars support the system changes needed at the school building level to substantially raise student achievement. The SIG funding supports students across all grade levels at Rainier Beach HS.

9. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY

Amount of contract initial value or contract amendment exceeds \$250,000 (Policy No. 6220)

Amount of grant exceeds \$250,000 in a single fiscal year (Policy No. 6114)

- Adopting, amending, or repealing a Board policy
- Formally accepting the completion of a public works project and closing out the contract
- Legal requirement for the School Board to take action on this matter
- Board Policy No. _____, [TITLE], provides the Board shall approve this item
- Other: _____

10. POLICY IMPLICATION

Policy No. 0030 Ensuring Educational and Racial Equity
Policy No. 6114 Gifts, Grants, Donations and Fundraising Proceeds

11. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This motion was discussed at the Audit & Finance Committee meeting on September 11, 2017. The Committee reviewed the motion and moved it forward to the full board with a recommendation for approval.

12. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval of this motion, Rainier Beach will work with their SIG planning team to update the Student and Schools Success plan, as well as their Continuous School Improvement Plan, to align the funding to the work happening at the school.

13. ATTACHMENTS

- School Improvement Grant Year 4 Funding Award Email
- [2014 School Improvement Grant application \(available upon request\)](#)

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Subject: Important Information: FINAL SIG Year 4 Funding Amounts

Greetings Superintendent Nyland,

On March 28th and 29th, I sat with a team from Rainier Beach High School and shared the Year 4 funding amounts based on the Office of System and School Improvement “**not**” receiving the full SIG Grant for the upcoming year (2017-18). This email is to inform you that in early July the Office of System and School Improvement received notification that Washington State “**has received**” the full allocated grant award of \$6.9 million dollars from the U.S. Department of Education.

What does this mean for SIG Schools?

The Office of System and School Improvement has reevaluated the previous award amounts shared with you. Please consider this email official notification to your **new** 2017-18 grant award.

In 2017-18, Rainier Beach High School will receive \$1,116,623.

iGrants:

Form package 677 (SIG grant application) will be launched on or about September 1st and notification will be sent out through the iGrants system. Please know that based on the late launch date of the grant, I will be approving schools to go back and claim expenditures from July 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this email, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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