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SAN MATEO COUNTY CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

January 8, 2001

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Floyd Gonella, County Superintendent of Schools
Co-Chair Child Care Partnership Council
Member, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors – To be announced
Co-Chair Child Care Partnership Council

SUBJECT: 2000/01 County Priorities for State Preschool Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution that approves the Priorities set by the Child Care Partnership Council of San Mateo County for the distribution of FY 2000/01 Department of Education funding for State Preschool.

Background on the Child Care Partnership Council:

Local Child Care and Development Planning Councils were established by the state legislature in 1991 in every county in California. In San Mateo County, the Child Care Partnership Council is the local planning council. In 1997 with the advent of welfare reform, the role of child care planning councils was strengthened through AB 1542 and the implementation of CaLWORKS. (See *Education Code*, Sections 8499.3 *et. seq.* and 54744)

The purpose of the Child Care Partnership Council is to provide a forum for the identification of local priorities for child care and to develop policies to meet the needs identified within those priorities. The Child Care Partnership Council makes decisions concerning the local distribution of state child care funding. The Child Care Partnership Council is also mandated to conduct a community-wide needs assessment for child care and to develop a comprehensive county-wide plan for child care for all children.

The Council is co-chaired by Dr. Floyd Gonella, County Superintendent of Schools and a member of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors – to be announced. The 22 voting members of the Council include consumers of child care, child care providers, and public and community agency representatives. The County Superintendent of Schools and a member of the County Board of Supervisors are responsible for the appointment of members. They also serve as co-chairs of the Council. The Child Care Partnership Council meets monthly, and its meetings are open to the public.

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Discussion:

Types of Care / Amount of Funding / Number of Children Served

Under its contract FY 00/01, the Child Care Partnership Council is required by the California Department of Education, Child Development Division to set county priorities for the distribution of 2000/01 fiscal year funding for subsidized child care. The funding is for half-day State Preschool for children aged 3 to 5 years.

Tasks and Timeline

The priorities are based on identifying the most underserved areas in the community by comparing the ratio of publicly subsidized child care and development program services to the need for these services. The Child Care Partnership Council is also required to obtain public input on its recommended priorities. Approval of the County Board of Supervisors and the County Superintendent of Schools is required prior to the January 30, 2001 reporting of the county priorities to the Department of Education.

Needs Assessment and Analysis

Accordingly, the Council conducted a needs assessment which identified the number of income eligible children in each zip code area needing care and the number of subsidized child care and development services being provided to children by zip code. Numerous other indicators of need were documented. These other indicators include live and Medi-Cal eligible births; free and reduced school lunches; number of TANF recipients; and teenage births. All of these indicators were gathered by zip code. This data was analyzed by a designated committee of the Council and recommendations for priorities were made to the full Council for consideration.

Public Hearing Conducted

On December 18, 2000 the Child Care Partnership Council held a public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting to seek input on the recommended priorities. The hearing was held at the San Mateo County Office of Education. Data and recommendations were reviewed, public input considered and the vote to establish the final priorities was completed.

Priorities Approved by the Child Care Partnership Council and recommended to the County Board of Supervisors:

Based on the recommendations of the Committee designated to examine various indicators of need and supply, the Child Care Partnership Council voted unanimously on December 18, 2000 to approve the following zip code priorities for the Fiscal Year 2000/01 State Preschool funding for San Mateo County.

The following zip codes in San Mateo County are “unserved or underserved” in the ratio of publicly subsidized child care to the need for these services:

94002, 94010 (Burlingame, but not Hillsborough), 94014, 94015, 94018, 94019, 94020, 94021, 94037, 94038, 94303, 94025, 94044, 94030, 94060, 94061, 94063, 94066, 94070, 94074, 94080, 94404

These zip codes have been designated a priority for the following reasons and meet one or more of the following indicators:


1. The number of eligible children in a zip code remaining “unserved” is at or above 100.
(94002, 94010, 94014, 94015, 94303, 94025, 94030, 94044, 94061, 94063, 94066, 94070, 94080)
2. The percentage of eligible children in a zip code remaining “unserved” is at or above 80% of the total number of eligible children, and there are in excess of 50 children remaining unserved. (94404)
3. The zip code is in the rural San Mateo County Coastsides where there was a serious census undercount of those in poverty. Other indicators* substantiate the “need” as high, and available subsidized child care is low or non-existent.
(94018, 94019, 94020, 94021, 94038, 94037, 94060, 94074)
(*percentage of Medi-Cal eligible births, percentage of children eligible for free and reduced school lunches, number of births to teens, few, if any subsidized child care spaces)

The Council has refrained from ranking within the priority group. It has indicated where to split a zip code area in order to prioritize funding for the neediest part, and in other circumstances has excluded some zip codes that did not meet the criteria.

Fiscal Impact:

San Mateo County will receive the base funding allocation for each county of \$142,632. This is considered funding for 2 classrooms of 24 children each. Statewide, the total funds available are \$34.2 million FY 2000/01.

There are currently over 1000 State Preschool spaces in San Mateo County. Funding for 372 spaces were awarded to San Mateo County from the allocation for FY 1999/00.

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Resolution No. _____

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNTY PRIORITIES
FOR 2000/01 FISCAL YEAR, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CHILD
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION FUNDING FOR STATE PRESCHOOL**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board of Supervisors for its consideration and acceptance, county priorities identifying the need for California Department of Education funded State Preschool, whereby the following zip codes in San Mateo County are “unserved or underserved” in the ratio of publicly subsidized child care to the need for these services:

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WHEREAS, this Board has been presented with a County Priorities Report Form, and said Board has examined and approved same as to both form and content and desires to authorize same:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that a member – to be announced – of this Board of Supervisors and Co-Chair of the San Mateo Child Care Partnership Council, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said form for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the clerk of this Board shall attest to the Supervisor’s signature thereto.