



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: April 16, 2025 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Mike Herzog, SOSA Principal

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

We are requesting permission to apply for two Youth Development Oregon Grants. The two grants we will be applying for are: Reengagement Opportunity Grant and Community Investment Grant. The Reengagement Opportunity grant supports youth reconnection to education and serves students ages 14-24 years old. This grant will allow us to re-engage students who are credit deficient, disengaged, attendance issues or have dropped out of school. The Community Investment Grant focuses on positive youth development and serves students 6-19 years old. This grant allows for extra support towards graduation with a focus on career and higher education readiness. These services will be provided by Project Youth Plus Advisors at Southern Oregon Success Academy, Hidden Valley High School, North Valley High School, and Illinois Valley High School.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

We will be partnering up with Project Youth Plus to provide the services within the grant requirements. Project Youth+ has been providing services for our students for the last 27 years. Project Youth+ provides two important programs for our district. The first program, Whatever It Takes is implemented at Southern Oregon Success Academy. Whatever It Takes enables students to be successful and graduate by providing services to students who are disengaged, credit deficient, and may have behavioral issues. The second program, College +, provides services at Hidden Valley, North Valley, and Illinois Valley. College + works with students who are first generation, low income, and are college bound. Both of these programs focus on knocking down barriers that are preventing students from being successful in the TRSD schools.

List the advantages of your proposal:

A huge advantage with having these programs through Project Youth Plus will be the ability to provide more services to the students. Services that include: assistance in graduation completion, internships, Individual Development Accounts to pay for college/trade school tuition, college/university/trade school campus tours as well as access to college/trade school scholarships.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Disadvantages of not applying or not receiving the grant will cause a reduction or elimination of Project Youth+ advisors in our school. This in turn will reduce services to our students at TRSD.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

The alternative to have Project Youth+ provide these services would have to be funded by either Three Rivers School District or Project Youth+. If we get these grants, the budgets for both organizations would have little impact. This is important with budget constraints.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): **Approve:** Yes No