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MEMORANDUM

Integrated Services

Meeting of

08-23-17

TO: Wendy S. Tukloff, Ed.D., Superintendent
For Board of Trustees

FROM: Ray Avila, Executive Director, Integrated Services

SUBJECT: Response to Grand Jury Report: How Have San Mateo County Public Schools Responded to the Epinephrine Auto-Injector Law, Senate Bill 1266 (Goal: Governance)
(Action)

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Board approve the Pacifica School District response to the San Mateo Grand Jury Report regarding the Epinephrine Auto-Injector Law, Senate Bill 1266.

Background:

California Senate Bill (SB) 1266, which became effective January 1, 2015, requires all California public schools to stock epinephrine auto-injectors (Epi Pens) and ensure that school nurses or other school personnel are trained to use these devices to treat students suffering, or reasonably believed to be suffering, from anaphylaxis, *i.e.*, a severe allergic reaction.

The 2016-2017 San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury (Grand Jury) was interested in determining how or whether the public schools throughout the County of San Mateo were complying with the requirements of SB 1266. Though not all schools responded to a Grand Jury survey, it was documented in a Grand Jury report issued to the public on June 12, 2017 that most schools are complying with the provisions of SB 1266 which require the stocking and ready availability of Epi Pens to school nurses and to personnel who have volunteered to administer Epi Pens and who have been trained to recognize and treat adverse allergic reactions.

Each school district within San Mateo County is required to submit a response to the San Mateo County Grand Jury regarding the content of the report no later than September 11, 2017. The response must indicate that it was approved by the District's governing board at a public meeting. The response that will be submitted by Pacifica School District has been collaborated on and reviewed by legal counsel. Attached for review is a copy of the San Mateo County Grand Jury report and the District's response for Board approval.