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**APPROVE PROBATION DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION IN COUNTY OFFICE
OF EDUCATION APPLICATION TO SAFE SCHOOLS / HEALTHY SCHOOLS
INITIATIVE**

The Probation Department is seeking approval to participate with the County Office of Education (C.O.E.) in a grant application which would provide new services to the children of our county.

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education will apply for funding through the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative. This grant is a collaborative between the United States Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice. It channels Federal funding to schools and communities that can work together to provide comprehensive educational, mental health, social, law enforcement and juvenile justice system services to promote healthy child development and school environments that are safe, disciplined and drug free. The grant application is due for submission on June 21, 2002.

The Santa Cruz County Probation Department has been asked to partner with C.O.E. to meet requirements in pursuit of this funding source. If awarded, grants are three years in length and may range up to two million dollars per year. At a minimum, the following six elements must be addressed, using evidence-based approaches: safe school environment; alcohol and other drugs and violence prevention and early intervention; school and community mental health prevention and treatment intervention programs; early childhood psychosocial and emotional development services; educational reform.

A comprehensive evaluation of the project is required and funded through grant resources. There is no requirement for matching funds.

The C.O.E. serves approximately 530 students at sixteen alternative education sites throughout the county, including the juvenile hall school. All students at the C.O.E. school sites fall along the probation continuum, from informal probation to court wardship status. The Probation Department will be requesting a maximum of three Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) I/II positions, under this grant. The DPOs will provide comprehensive casework services and strategies that promote school

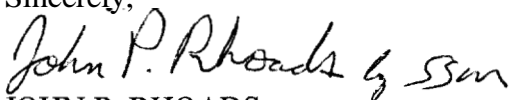
engagement and success while enhancing safety at Alternative Education school sites throughout Santa Cruz County, using strength based practices aimed to keep youth in school.

An analysis of our eligibility suggests that we are well positioned, given this county's long and successful history of collaboration and innovative cross-discipline approaches to system reform. We have a strong partnership with the educational community and also hold a stake in addressing the program elements presented in this grant. There is no match requirement and there is no anticipated net county cost.


It is anticipated that grant awards will be announced on July 1, 2002. Should this application be successful, we ~~will~~ return to your Board to accept the revenues and approve additional positions.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the Probation Department's participation in County Office of Education's application to the Safe Schools / Healthy Students Initiative.

Sincerely,


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RECOMMENDED:



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County Administrative Officer

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