



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

**File #:** 24-455

Board Meeting Date: 6/11/2024

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Claire Cunningham, Director, Human Services Agency

**Subject:** **Measure K:** Agreements with School Districts for The Big Lift Inspiring Summers Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Adopt a resolution authorizing agreements for the purposes of operating The Big Lift Inspiring Summers Program to reduce learning loss during the summer months with the following six school districts:

- A) Cabrillo Unified School District for the term May 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$134,285; and
- B) La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District for the term May 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$98,568; and
- C) San Bruno Park School District for the term May 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$131,964; and
- D) Jefferson Elementary School District for the term May 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$272,998; and
- E) Redwood City School District for the term May 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$90,760; and
- F) South San Francisco Unified School District for the term May 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$368,276.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2012, the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council (PPLC) - a coalition of government,

education, nonprofit, foundation, and business leaders in San Mateo County - launched “The Big Lift” to significantly improve children’s third grade reading proficiency through strategic, thoughtful, evidence-based investments in early learning and education. The Big Lift is a collective impact collaborative led by three agencies - the County of San Mateo (County), San Mateo County Office of Education (COE), and the San Mateo County Libraries (SMCL).

**DISCUSSION:**

The Big Lift Inspiring Summers program, headed by the San Mateo County Libraries and implemented by six school districts, focuses on engaging participating children in inspiring learning experiences with the goal of maintaining and/or improving academic and developmental gains and reading proficiency over the summer. Approval of the attached resolution will authorize agreements with the six school districts to provide the Inspiring Summers program during the summer of 2024 (from approximately June through August). A Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the San Mateo County Libraries for the Libraries’ component of Inspiring Summers will go to the Board on June 25, 2024. In addition, separate agreements with the school districts and preschool programs for The Big Lift programming for the 2024-25 school year (covering the school year programs, distinct from these summer programs) will be brought to this Board for approval at a future date.

**EQUITY STATEMENT:**

These agreements further advance equity in San Mateo County by providing high-quality summer learning experiences in districts where third-grade reading proficiency rates fall below the county average. Prioritizing enrollment for families defined as households earning up to 80 percent of San Mateo County’s area medium income, using the Department of Housing and Urban Development income guidelines.

Race and economic status remain as significant predictors of one's outcomes within the U.S. public education system, including here in San Mateo County. The Big Lift and our partners are committed to disrupting the correlation between race, gender identity, sexual orientation, wealth, zip code, or immigration status, and academic success.

The Big Lift initiative, centered in family engagement, kindergarten readiness, and achieving reading proficiency by the end of third grade, is pivotal for early academic success. Early academic success is a key indicator in future achievements, including high school graduation and post-secondary education, economic mobility, enhanced health outcomes, and overall quality of life.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2023-24 Target</b>	<b>FY 2024-25 Target</b>
Months of gained reading skills for participating students	1.5	1.5

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of these agreements is May 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024, for a total amount of \$1,096,851. The total obligation of this agreement is anticipated to be funded through The Big Lift’s **Measure K** revenue. The funding and appropriations for these services are included in The Big Lift FY 2024-25 Recommended Budget.