

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date:

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TO: Kevin Skelly, Ph.D., Superintendent

FROM: Scott Bowers, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources

SUBJECT: Renewal of Student Teaching/Intern Agreements

### STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE

Staff Recruitment and Development

### BACKGROUND

Each year the Palo Alto Unified School District contracts with colleges and universities to provide opportunities for teacher training participants to fulfill their student teaching or internship requirements in our classrooms. Student teachers work in the classroom under the supervision of a District teacher. A student teacher is not the teacher of record and receives no money from the District. Interns are hired as full or part time teachers. They are placed on the certificated salary schedule and are the teachers of record for their class(es). Interns are jointly supervised by a university representative and a PAUSD teacher or administrator. Supervising teachers for interns or student teachers usually receive a small stipend from the universities for their services.

### PROPOSAL

While the District primarily places student teachers and interns from Notre Dame de Namur University, Stanford University, and San Jose State University, we are asking for authorization to enter into agreements with the following **twelve** institutions:

California State University—East Bay  
California State University—Fresno  
National University  
Notre Dame de Namur University  
San Francisco State University  
San Jose State University

Santa Clara University  
Stanford University  
University of California—Berkeley  
University of California—Santa Barbara  
University of Phoenix  
University of San Francisco

Some of these institutions have contracts on file, and others will develop contracts when and if a student teacher is assigned to one of our schools. Board authorization to enter into agreements with these twelve institutions will allow us to work with candidates from each of them, should the opportunity arise.

### RECOMMENDATION

This item was discussed at the October 13, 2009, regular meeting. It is recommended the Board of Education authorize the District to enter agreements with these twelve institutions for student teaching/internships as needed.