

Item Title: Approval of Appointment of Trustee De La Torre as Board Representative to the Violence Prevention Partnership

Background/Rationale: Pursuant to Board Policy 9140 (Board Representatives), the Board of Education recognizes that effective performance of its community leadership responsibilities occasionally requires representation on community committees addressing matters of vital concern to the district and our students. The Violence Prevention Partnership (VPP) plays a critical role in shaping regional safety and youth intervention strategies in Santa Rosa.

As announced by President Caston and Mayor Stapp at the October 7 special joint meeting of the Board of Education and City Council, the past practice of having a school board representative on the VPP is being returned. To ensure Santa Rosa City Schools has a voice in these collaborative community efforts, the President Caston recommends the appointment of Trustee De La Torre to serve as the Board Representative to the VPP.

Authority and Responsibilities: In accordance with BP 9140, the appointed representative shall operate under the following parameters:

- **Reporting:** The representative shall provide regular updates to the Board regarding VPP activities, discussions, and actions during the "Board Member Reports" section of regular Board meetings.
- **Limits of Authority:** The representative shall not exercise the authority of the Board, nor commit district resources or funding to the VPP, without prior Board approval.
- **Representation of District Positions:** If the VPP discusses a topic on which the Board of Education has taken a formal position, the representative shall express the official position of the Board.
- **Individual Opinions:** When contributing personal ideas or opinions during VPP proceedings, the representative will clearly state that they are expressing their individual views and not the official stance of the SRCS Board of Education.

Recommendation: President Caston recommends the Board approve the appointment of Trustee De La Torre as the Board Representative to the Violence Prevention Partnership.