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Memorandum

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TO: Principals
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FROM: Maria Castilleja
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

RE: **Plan to Address New SB 601 Legislation and Education Code Section 33352 (School Year 2008-09 only)**

Dear Colleagues,

New legislation, SB601, has presented our school district with difficult challenges that require major changes in instructional practices. As we work together to move forward with the implementation of SB601 legislation, we must recognize the fact that, with our current practice, we are out of compliance with the legislation requirements.

SB601 and Education Code Section 33352 specifically state that:

1. Ninth graders must take a physical education class addressing the grade level's PE standards—no exemptions.
2. Students at the ninth grade level must take the fitness assessment and meet the Healthy Fitness Zone requirement (five out of six tasks) in order to be exempt from physical education courses in the 11th and 12th grades.
3. Students who do not meet the Healthy Fitness Zone (five out of six tasks) on the fitness assessment must take the Fitness for Life class in the tenth grade to prepare for the next physical fitness assessment.
4. Only Physical Education certificated employees are allowed to issue physical education credits to students.

5. Physical Education instruction must take place not less than 400 minutes each ten school days in grades 7-12.
6. Implementation of SB601 stipulations are subject to monitoring through the Categorical Program Monitoring process (CPM).

In order to facilitate transition while addressing SB601 requirements, the following procedures will be in effect for the school year 2008-09.

1. Personnel who need to obtain a PE credential will be granted a grace period until July 2009. The district will reimburse individuals for the proficiency test fees and/or for a percentage of the coursework fee. (Proof of credential is required.)
2. Ninth graders must be scheduled in PE High School Course I—no exemptions.
3. Tenth graders who have not met the five out of six Healthy Fitness Zone tasks on the fitness assessment must be scheduled in the Fitness for Life course.
4. Tenth graders (class of 2011) who met the Healthy Fitness Zone tasks on the fitness assessment, plus eleventh and twelfth graders can be scheduled in PE elective courses. In addition, for the 2008-09 school year, they can also be scheduled in: Marching Band, ROTC, PE Dance, Color Guard, Folklorico, and Show Choir. The following guidelines must be met at the middle school and high school level.
 - A. Marching Band must be scheduled period 7. Student must have two (2) class periods (Advanced Band—middle school; Concert Band—high school) and Marching Band.
 - B. Color Guard and Show Choir must be scheduled in period 7. Students must have two (2) class periods. (Second class period must implement PE Dance curriculum.)
 - C. ROTC trainers must confer with site PE teachers to implement the PE High School Course II and PE High School elective curricula. Class instruction time and routines must be rearranged to meet the minimum of 400 minutes every ten school days of PE instruction.
5. Steps highlighted in item 4 above will continue to be discussed throughout the 2008-09 school year in order to meet SB610 requirements and to not jeopardize our students' graduation as a result of our CPM review.

As our school district continues to offer enriched opportunities to our students based on their needs and interests, please feel free to contact me at 691-5586 in the curriculum department with questions and/or ideas.

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