

CASTRO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING AGENDA BACK-UP

Board Meeting of February 6, 2017

TO: Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Parvin Ahmadi, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution 52 - 16/17, Affirming Castro Valley Unified School District as a Safe Haven

Background:

On November 8, 2016, voters in California and across the nation participated in the democratic process by casting votes that determine political leaders and public policies and expressed strong support for public schools by embracing bilingual education through Proposition 58, strengthening funding sources through Proposition 55, and modernizing school facilities through Proposition 51.

Castro Valley Unified School District is a diverse community with over 47 different languages spoken in its schools (including Arabic, Chinese, English, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and many others). 27% of students attending the Castro Valley Unified School District are either English Learners, economically disadvantaged or foster youth.

Castro Valley Unified School District has partnered with many different agencies and groups, such as County Supervisors, the Sheriff's Office, Foundations, Lafamilia, the African American Regional Educational Alliances, the Alameda County Behavioral Health Services, and many others to support students, families, and staff.

Youth and families across the district, county, state, and nation have experienced increased levels of hate speech based on their national origin, ethnicity, religion, political views, or sexual orientation before, during, and after the election. Tonight staff is presenting a draft resolution affirming CVUSD as a "Safe Haven" in order to safeguard the public we serve and uphold the values of our school district as an inclusive organization.

Financial Implications:

None

Staffing Implications:

None

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Castro Valley Board of Education discuss and consider adopting resolution 52 - 16/17, Affirming Castro Valley Unified School District as a Safe Haven .