

EL CAMINO REAL ALLIANCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION

BOARD MEETING DATE: December 17, 2019

AGENDA ITEM:

Continuing the bus pass program for qualified students for the spring semester.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE:

Many of our students use public transportation to get to ECR. Last semester we began a program to provide students who qualify with a free or reduced price bus pass to get to school. We compared the data from Fall 2018 with data from Fall 2019 to get a baseline of the program. There were 144 students that attended ECR last year and are involved in the free bus pass program this year. 108 students either improved or had the same attendance rate compared to the previous year. The 85 students that improved their attendance currently have a 99% attendance rate while the 23 students that did not see a change in their attendance are at a 95% attendance rate. The 85 students improved a total of 190 days during the 2019 Fall semester compared to the Fall 2018 semester. Of the remaining students, 63 did not attend ECR last year, but have an average attendance rate of 99%. There are four students new to the program that we did not factor into the numbers. Out of the 144 students, 95 (66%) improved or maintained their arrival to 1st period compared to last year. 86 students (60%) saw an improvement or maintained their GPA during the Fall 2019 semester.

PERSONNEL INVOLVED:

Intervention Team, Teachers, and Administrators.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS (IF ANY):

ECR currently has 211 students that have a TAP card. Continuing the program for these 211 students for 6 months at a monthly cost of \$24 would equal a total cost of \$30,384 for the spring semester. We would also like to provide for up to an additional 25 students to receive the bus pass, at a cost of \$3,600. This would take into account any new students that might qualify and fill out an application for a free bus pass. Total potential fiscal impact would be \$33,984.

IMPACT ON SCHOOL MISSION, VISION OR GOALS (IF ANY):

Providing the bus pass to qualified students enhances and improves the support we provide to our students and alleviates the anxiety and stress students experience in trying to find a way to school. Students would be able to focus on their academics and get to school on time. Although we faced some difficulties getting the permanent bus pass, the students and parents have appreciated our efforts in getting the program started at the school.

OPTIONS OR SOLUTIONS:

The stability of the program will now allow the intervention coordinators to work with the students to improve their attendance and grades.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the motion to continue providing bus passes to qualified students for the spring semester, at a cost of \$33,984. This additional resource takes a proactive approach in helping students get to school and eliminating a hindrance to their education.

PROPOSED MOTION:

Motion to approve the continuation of the free bus pass program for the spring semester.