

SVUSD Board Meetings

AGENDA ITEM

review

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 - 5:30 PM


Category: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Type: Action

Subject: Board Resolution: No.10-11-09 Seal of Biliteracy

Strategic Plan: Curriculum Goal 1
Students will show mastery of essential standards in reading, writing and mathematics.

Enclosure: Seal of Biliteracy Resolution No.10-11-09

File Attachment:  Seal of Biliteracy Resolution No. 10-11-09.pdf

Summary: The Board of Education is committed to providing every student with a high school preparation program leading to graduation and college and career path readiness. Students will have the skills, capacities, and dispositions necessary to participate fully in the 21st century; economic, scientific, political, cultural, and intellectual life of our global society. Achieving high levels of academic competency in both English and at least one other World Language is an integral part of making the vision of student success a reality.

Funding:

Recommendation: I recommend the Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 10-11-09 authorizing a "Seal of Biliteracy" endorsement to be added to diplomas of students who demonstrate proficiency in listening, reading, speaking and writing in one or more languages in addition to English.

Recommended By:

Signed By: 
Lori Marquez - Assessment Media Clerk

Approvals:

Signed By: 
Micheline Miglis - Ass't. Supt., Educational Services

Signed By: 
Marc Jackson, Ed.D. - Superintendent

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**SILVER VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION No. 10-11-09
SEAL OF BILITERACY**

WHEREAS mastery of two or more languages makes important contributions to a student's cognitive development, understanding of diverse cultures, and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS multiple languages are a critical element in enabling our city and state to participate effectively in a global political, social and economic context; and

WHEREAS our state is home to speakers from hundreds of different language and cultural groups, and to build trust and understanding across the multiple language and cultural groups in our diverse community requires multilingual skills of communication; and

WHEREAS Silver Valley Unified School District is unique in that students representing diverse military experiences and backgrounds, serving alongside their parents, enroll in our schools with fluency in languages other than English or in conjunction with English; and

WHEREAS the demand for employees to be fluent in more than one language is increasing both in California and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS the *California Master Plan for Education* calls for pupils to graduate literate in two or more languages; and

WHEREAS the California State Seal of Bilingual Education has been supported by the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), California Tomorrow, Californians Together, California School Boards Association (CSBA), the California Federation of Teachers (CFT), the California Teachers Association (CTA), the California PTA, among others; and

WHEREAS the purposes of a California State Seal of Bilingual Education would be as follows:

- (1) To encourage pupils to develop bilingual skills,
- (2) To provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and bilingual skills,
- (3) To revitalize and promote world language instruction in public schools,
- (4) To encourage the development of dual language immersion programs and world, native, and heritage language programs in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12, and
- (5) To recognize and honor California's rich and diverse language assets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Silver Valley Unified School District (SVUSD) supports the establishment of a California State Seal of Bilingual Education to be affixed to the diploma or transcript of pupils. The standards for awarding this seal would follow those delineated in AB 280 (Coto). The Seal would be established to recognize high school graduates who have attained functional proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing skills in one or more languages as well as proficiency in English, and to provide recognition of the attainment of those needed and important skills.

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Date Adopted: December 14, 2010