

**IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA  
Thursday, January 7, 2010**

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**SPECIAL MEETING:**

**7:30 AM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER — ROLL CALL**
- \*2. **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

3. **CLOSED SESSION**

*Conducted in accordance with applicable sections of California law, Closed Sessions are not open to the general public.*

- a. **Conference with Labor Negotiators** [Government Code §54957.6]  
Agency Negotiator: Terry Walker, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Employee Organization: Irvine Teachers Association

**RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING:**

**8:00 AM**

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — MOMENT OF SILENCE — ROLL CALL**
5. **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION / ACTION**
6. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- \*7. **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**
  - a. **California's Race to the Top Participating Local Agency Memorandum of Understanding**  
Recommendation: Approve the submission of the California Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding to the California Department of Education.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

PRESIDENT: Sharon Wallin

SUPERINTENDENT: Gwen Gross

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**January 12, 2010**

A copy of the regular board meeting agenda is posted on the District's web site ([www.iusd.org/board/](http://www.iusd.org/board/)) prior to the close of business on the Friday preceding the meeting.

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**TOPIC**

**CALIFORNIA'S RACE TO THE TOP PARTICIPATING  
LOCAL AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**DESCRIPTION**

The America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides \$4.35 billion for the Race to the Top Fund (RTTT), a competitive grant program designed to encourage and reward states that are creating the conditions for education innovation and reform and implementing ambitious plans in four core education reform areas:

- Adopting internationally-benchmarked standards and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the workplace;
- Recruiting, developing, retaining, and rewarding effective teachers and principals;
- Building data systems that measure student success and inform teachers and principals how they can improve their practices; and
- Turning around our lowest-performing schools.

As a condition for participating in and receiving an allocation of funds under the State's RTTT program, the Irvine Unified School District must first enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that establishes a framework for collaboration and articulates specific roles and responsibilities to support the State in the implementation of the RTTT project.

In California, all Local Education Agencies (LEAs) which participate will be funded. The federal guidelines state that at least 50% of the RTTT funding must flow directly to the participating LEAs either in proportion to Title I funding or on a per-Title I student. In order to secure eligibility, IUSD must submit a signed MOU via email by January 8, 2010. After the State receives the award, LEAs have 90 days to submit an implementation plan. This plan is due June 1, 2010, and awards for participating LEAs will be announced September 2010.

The attached MOU outlines participating LEA responsibilities, state responsibilities, joint responsibilities, state recourse for LEA non-performance, assurances, modifications, and the duration of the agreement. It also includes a preliminary scope of work that outlines the targets for the four core education reform areas.

Submitting an MOU provides IUSD the opportunity to apply for funding to target these core reform areas and to utilize dollars to further develop and refine best practices. Taking the initiative to

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submit an MOU and to develop a plan, now, may also ensure that district objectives align with the Federal targets, later, as outlined in the Elementary and Secondary Reauthorization Act.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the submission of the California Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding to the California Department of Education.