

SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Instructional Services



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Board of Education
FROM: Christiane Gervais, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
DATE: May 10, 2016
SUBJECT: Renewal of Naviance District License for 2016-2017

Background

College and career readiness have always been focal points of the education of our students in South Pasadena. With the onset of the Common Core State Standards, there is a renewed focus on preparing all students for success in their post-secondary-school choices. New tools have become available to enhance schools' efforts to guide students' choices. The Naviance College & Career Readiness software is one of those tools.

Discussion

Both SPMS and SPHS use Naviance. The online software is designed to improve college and career readiness through its curriculum. Learning modules include Self-Discovery, Career Exploration, Academic Planning, Reporting & Analytics and Family Connection. Lessons in the curriculum cover a broad range of topics designed to guide students at each grade level through the steps they need to take to be ready for transitioning from middle school to high school, or planning for life after high school. Students learn about critical topics related to self-discovery, developing success skills, building a network, exploring career options, and planning for college - academically, socially, emotionally and financially.

Naviance was first introduced at the high school in 2009. Initially funded by PTA, Naviance has become a core component of the work that school counselors do with students. The program was introduced at the middle school in the 2014-2015 school year.

Recently, Naviance added a feature this year called Roadtrip Nation, which is a series of interviews with experts in various careers. Students can select specific areas of interest and may watch videos featuring interviews with individuals working in matching fields. The interviews are conducted by young adults who are in the process of figuring out what their next steps will be for college and career. This feature will be utilized by our Career Intern Specialist and our new Internship Program.

Fiscal Impact

The total cost of the Hobsons suite of Naviance online resources is \$9,783.10. The South Pasadena High School PTSA will be contributing \$1,260.00 from Wish Night funds. The remainder of \$8,523.10 will be covered by LCFF supplemental.

Recommendation

Christiane Gervais, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, recommends that the Board of Education approve the renewal of the Naviance district license for the 2016-2017 school year.