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**SUMMER SCHOOL STABILITY FOR FOSTER CHILDREN**

On February 7, 2017, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a motion which directed the Office of Child Protection (OCP) and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), in consultation with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), to report back in 60 days and quarterly thereafter on an implementation plan and timeline to fully comply with the provisions of the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act related to school stability for foster children of every school district located within Los Angeles County.

On May 7, 2017, the Board approved a pilot program, based on the report back stemming from the February 7, 2017 motion, to transport foster youth to their school of origin, and collect the appropriate data on transportation needs, number of youth served, distance traveled, and more. DCFS has program oversight for the pilot, while Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) oversees contract administration.

That pilot program will end on June 30, 2019, and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) is currently being drafted to be distributed to all school districts in Los Angeles County to share costs and responsibilities for transporting foster youth.

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Since summer school typically begins in mid-June, and finalizing the MOU will require additional time, extending the pilot is necessary. This will ensure academic stability for our foster youth to avoid disruption during the summer school season. In June 15-August 15, 2018, approximately \$45,719 was expended on private vendor services for transportation for foster youth, providing 919 complete trips. Estimates for 2019 are based on the prior year.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct Department of Children and Family Services to:

1. Expend up to \$50,000 to continue covering the costs of this pilot program for summer school to the schools of origin through August 31, 2019 while the memorandum of understanding is being finalized and signed by school districts;
2. Communicate information to DCFS Regional Offices, caregivers, and students; and
3. Provide a written status report to the Board in 30 days, and each subsequent month, in consultation with the Office of Child Protection, Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS), and Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE), on the progress of finalizing the MOU, disseminating information to the school districts on the MOU, and the number of school districts that have signed the MOU.

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