Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
Palo Alto, California

Date: February 25th, 2020

To: Karae Lisle, Executive Director

From: Bethany Small, Director of Student Services

Subject: Adopt Resolution Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval is request for adoption of Resolution No. 46 - Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators as required in California Code of Regulations, Title 5 and AB471 (Scott). Adoption is required prior to the issuance of limited assignment permits for 2020.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Occasionally, it is necessary to assign teachers to instruct in subjects that are not authorized by their credential. The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing understands these needs and provides alternatives to nonpublic agency (NPA) that will allow these assignments.

The California Code of Regulations, Title 5, requires that the Board of Education adopt a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators prior to the issuance of Limited Assignment Permits documents for the year 2020. The Declaration must include the recruitment efforts the NPA has made to employ fully credentialed teachers, and an estimate of the number of teachers that will be employed under the authorization of an Limited Assignment Permit. This resolution is submitted for action in order to meet these legal requirements.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS: The NPA makes every effort to employ fully credentialed teachers whenever possible. This resolution meets the legal requirements that will allow the NPA to apply for Limited Assignment Permits as needed. Upon approval the NPA will apply for the above referenced documents only when there is no other option.
WHEREAS, Vista Center for the Blind makes every effort to recruit fully prepared teachers; and
WHEREAS, when fully prepared teachers are not available, Vista Center for the Blind recruits candidates who qualify for an intern credential; and
WHEREAS, there are teachers who have not yet completed VI credentials
WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that there are an insufficient number of certificated persons who meet the District’s specific employment criteria; and
WHEREAS, Title 5 Section 80026 and AB471 (Scott) require that a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators and resolution be adopted by Vista Center for the Blind in a public announcement on an annual basis; and
WHEREAS, said revised Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators shall not be adopted as part of a consent calendar;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Vista Center for the Blind hereby request that a revised Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators be submitted to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for the 2020 school year.

The foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by Vista Center for the Blind on February 24, 2020

DATE OF ADOPTION: February 25, 2020

Karae Lisie, Executive Director