



NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Highlights November 17, 2015

STUDENT PRESENTATION

The cast from Novato High's Marin School of the Arts musical "My Fair Lady", performed three scenes for the Board. Chairs and audience needed to move to make room for the song and dance number!



PRESENTATION

Susan Mathews and Tamara Ressler presented School Fuel's Board Resolution to grant the Novato Unified School District \$274,784. Below is a partial list of projects that will be funded:



- \$26,000 to fund NUSD's cost of Naviance services for all secondary students for one year
- One Elementary-level music teacher
- One section of visual and performing arts at each middle and high school
- Visual and performing arts grant to the Hamilton Middle school for \$4,000
- Arts Attack grant of \$1,000 for supplies and \$500 for a coordination stipend

For a complete list of funded programs, please see the School Board Resolution under Consent Item 11.d. ([Consent 11.d.](#))

STAFF REPORT

- **Get Focused...Stay Focused!**, presented by Megan Pettis, Coordinator Secondary Programs, is a freshman transition course that helps students transition from:
 - Middle school to high school
 - Dependency to self-sufficiency
 - Adolescence to adulthood
 - Education to work force
 - High school to college/vocational training

The initiative is designed to provide every student with needed information and to focus on college and career readiness as well as develop a 10-year plan for every student. Successful implementation of freshman transition courses has shown:

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- Increased attendance
- Improved AP performance
- Higher SAT/ACT scores
- Increased graduation rates
- Decreased F rate for 9th graders
- Reduced suspension rates for 9th graders

The program started in Santa Barbara and requires a partnership with community college, and the College of Marin is interested. The course is a semester long class and is designed for all 9th grade students. For more information, please review the Staff Report ([Staff Report 9.b.](#))

DISCUSSION/ACTION

- **Resolution to Opt Out of the California Law Allowing Alcohol at After-Hours Fundraising Events on School Campus:** The Board of Trustees approved the resolution presented by Superintendent Hogeboom to send a positive message about the importance of maintaining drug and alcohol-free campuses, regardless of what the law allows. (Resolutions are also posted on the NUSD website under School Board.) ([Discussion/Action 10.a.](#))