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PROPOSITION 49 FUNDING FOR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

This has been a financially bountiful year for the State of California. You may recall about five years ago voting on Proposition 49. This Proposition established after school programs for elementary and middle schools. Then citizen Arnold Schwarzenegger campaigned hard for this proposition and it passed handily. Funding for the programs was based on the condition of the State economy. For several years the State economy was not strong enough to fund the programs. This year, for the first time, the funding was provided. Over \$500,000,000 has been allocated for school districts to establish after school programs for children in grades K-8.

The State established an application process for school districts to follow. The rules are pretty simple. Priority for funding goes first to districts that already participate in the old program. San Lorenzo did not qualify for that program. Then funding goes to schools based on their level of participation in the Federal Free/Reduced Lunch program. Many San Lorenzo Schools qualify based on that measure. In San Lorenzo, the following schools have been approved by the State of California for Prop 49 funding: Colonial Acres, Edendale, Hesperian, Hillside and Lorenzo Manor.

School Districts must be the fiscal agent but do not have to actually operate the programs. That means the District receives and allocates the funds. However, the District can enter into an agreement with another agency to actually provide the programs. In order to qualify for Prop 49 funding a program must first focus on supporting the academic program children experience at school during the day. Then the program can offer enrichment activities and finally play/athletic activities.

San Lorenzo met with several agencies before asking the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club (SLBGC) to operate the Prop 49 programs in our District. SLBGC already offers similar programs at Hillside and Hesperian Schools. This kind of program is exactly what SLBGC does as its primary work at these schools as well as at its Marina Blvd. Center in San Leandro. The District is very excited that SLBGC is willing to take on this significant program.

I have been asked by several parents what will happen to Adventure Time? Adventure Time is a private after school care program that has operated at Bay, Corvallis, Grant, Lorenzo Manor, and Del Rey for years. Many parents are comfortable with Adventure Time and would prefer to continue to pay for their services. The District has invited Adventure Time to continue to offer programs at those schools. At some schools Adventure Time will continue to be the only program offered because the site does not qualify for Prop 49

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funding. At other sites both programs will be offered. The Adventure Time program does not currently meet the mandates of Prop 49. This does not mean it isn't a quality program. It is just structured differently than what is required by Prop 49. At those sites, the SLBGC will be an alternative program that will meet the guidelines for Prop 49 funding and will be at a very low or no cost to our families. Finally, SLBGC will be able to start programs at sites that have not currently been able to offer after school programs in the past.

Prop 49 programs will begin within the next month. If your school qualified for funding (see the list at the beginning of this email) you will be receiving information from the school. If you have any questions about these new programs please feel free to contact Sandra Skaug or Robert Glotch at the Boys and Girls Club at 483-5581.

