

WILLOWS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent

Date of Meeting: June 23, 2016

Request For Placement on Board Agenda:

**AGENDA TOPIC: Approval of The 2016-17 Spending Plan for the
Education Protection Account (EPA)**

PRESENTER: Debby Beymer, Director of Business Services

Background Information:

Please see attached Exhibit A – The 2016-17 EPA Spending Plan.

Recommendations:

The administration recommends that the Board approve The Spending Plan for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

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<p style="text-align: center;">EDUCATION PROTECTION ACCOUNT 2016-17 SPENDING PLAN EXHIBIT A</p>
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SUBJECT:

Spending Plan for 2016-17

PREPARED BY:

Debby Beymer
Director of Business Services

BACKGROUND:

The creation of the Education Protection Account (EPA) by Proposition 30 not only impacts cash flow patterns but also has an accountability component. Proposition 30 provides that all K-14 local agencies have the sole authority to determine how the funds received from the EPA are spent, but with these provisions:

- The spending plan must be approved by the governing board during a public meeting.
- EPA funds cannot be used for the salaries or benefits of administrators or for any other administrative costs.
- Each year, the local agency must publish on its website an accounting of how much money was received from the EPA and how the funds were expended.

In addition, there will now be a requirement for the annual financial audit to include verification that the EPA funds were used as specified by Proposition 30. If EPA funds are not expended in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 30, civil or criminal penalties could be incurred. *The EPA funds are NOT new dollars to the district, but are simply a portion of the Local Control Funding Formula revenue received.*

District's Spending Plan:

All Education Protection Account (EPA) funds received between 2012-13 and 2018-19 will be used solely to support instruction and instructional-related services. 2016-17 funding provided through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) is estimated at \$13,003,510 with approx. \$1,912,536 of those dollars ear marked for the EPA. EPA funds will be distributed by the California Department of Education out to school districts in four (4) equal quarterly installments of \$478,134 in September, December, March and June.

The district's spending plan for EPA revenue is as follows:

Education Protection Account funds will be used for salary and benefit expenditures for certificated staff members who provide direct classroom instruction to students.

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends the Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 2015-16-10, pertaining to the Education Protection Account and the Education Protection Account Spending Plan for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Must be posted on Web Site – after adoption.