



ACTION

Agenda Item

Board of Education

MEETING DATE: August 4, 2009

A. TITLE:

Resolution 2009-XX Accepting the Federal Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Grant and Authorizing the Creation of an Emergency Management Plan

B. VISION STATEMENTS SUPPORTED BY THIS ACTION:

- We provide resources to support quality education and safe, attractive learning environments in all of our schools
- We have a trusting, working relationship between the Board of Education, the school district, and the community

C. STATEMENT OF ISSUE/PURPOSE:

The Department of Homeland Security has recommended that all schools and school districts implement a National Incident Management System (NIMS) plan. The purpose for this is to insure that public and private agencies can work together to manage incidents, regardless of their cause, size, location or complexity. Previously, the District has adopted NIMS as a part of its Readiness and Emergency Response Plan, but no further action has been taken to date in areas of training, preparation or identifying/developing resources.

To move this agenda forward, the District has applied for and been awarded a \$235,137 federal Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Grant. This grant will provide financial resources to improve and strengthen its emergency response plans. As currently outlined, staff expects to use these moneys to have a draft REMS plan by January 2010, with full implementation starting with the 2010-11 school year.

D. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact associated with the filing of this application.

E. RECOMMENDATION :

It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution 2007-XX.

Initiator: _____ **Art Hand Jr.** **Cabinet Member:** _____

Superintendent or Designee _____ Agenda Item # _____

Approval of this resolution will certify the District's acceptance of the REMS grant and authorize staff to move forward with the planning required for the development of a comprehensive emergency management plan.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION 2009-XX
ACCEPTING THE FEDERAL READINESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
FOR SCHOOLS (REMS) GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Lodi Unified School District has no comprehensive, coordinated emergency management plan as recommended by the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, In July 2009, the District was awarded a Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Grant (REMS) in the amount of \$235,137 for the purpose of developing such a plan; and

WHEREAS, the District has 18 months (August 1, 2009 – January 31, 2011) to spend these funds in support of the creation of a NIMS-based emergency management plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby accept the REMS Grant in the amount of \$235,137.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes and directs its officers and the officials and staff of the District, and each of them individually, to do any and all things and to execute and prepare an emergency management plan that conforms to federal NIMS guidelines and that all actions heretofore taken by such officers, officials and staff that are in conformity with the purposes and intent of this resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2009 by the following vote of the Board of Education of the Lodi Unified School District:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Education

President of the Board of Education