

July 16, 2007

STAFF REPORT

MEMO TO: SUTTER COUNTY CHILDREN & FAMILIES COMMISSION

FROM: DEB COULTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Discussion and possible approval of proposal for School Readiness services at Luther Elementary School

BACKGROUND: Through a contract with the Sutter County Children & Families Commission and First 5 California, Yuba City Unified School District has been providing school readiness activities, parent education and support, referral to community resources and learning enrichment activities for the past four years. The SCCFC applied to First 5 California for continued school readiness funding for the three sites of Bridge Street School, King Avenue School and Park Avenue School for FY 2007-2011. First 5 California approved the reapplication in April 2007. The Commission approved funding for a pilot program at Luther Elementary which successfully operated from February-May 2007 and was attended by 60 families. The Commission requested information regarding a full school readiness program at Luther Elementary. A full proposal and budget received from Mary Ann Hedrick, YCUSD School Readiness Administrator, were noted as correspondence at the June 2007 meeting.

CURRENT PROPOSAL: The proposed (attached) Luther School Readiness project includes the following:

- Start up costs estimated at \$5,000 in classroom materials.
- FT School Readiness Program Specialist.
- School Readiness central office support, which will be provided at no charge to the Luther site.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Executive Director that the Commission approve funding for a school readiness site at Luther Elementary School in Live Oak for three fiscal years consistent with the length of the current Strategic Plan 2007-2010. Agreements to be reviewed/renewed annually based on performance, fiscal and evaluation data.

IMPACT ON COMMISSION RESOURCES: FY 2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010 \$80,000.00 per year.

POLICY ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of executive directors recommendation.