SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.1d

Meeting Date: October 17, 2013
Subject: Approve Mandatory Reporting to the Sacramento County Office of Education – Uniform Complaints Regarding the Williams Settlement Processed for the Period of July through September, 2013
 □ Information Item Only □ Approval on Consent Agenda □ Conference (for discussion only) □ Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated:) □ Conference/Action □ Action □ Public Hearing
<u>Department</u> : Business Services

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approve Mandatory Reporting to the Sacramento County Office of Education – Uniform Complaints Regarding the Williams Settlement Processed for the Period of July through September, 2013.

<u>Background/Rationale</u>: The Williams Settlement Case and Education Code §35186 states that persons may now use the uniform complaint process to file complaints regarding deficiencies in instructional materials, facility problems, and teacher vacancy or mis-assignment. The District is required to report on these complaints to the Superintendent of the Sacramento County Office of Education. The report must contain the number of complaints by general subject area and the number of resolved and unresolved complaints.

In May of 2000, a class action lawsuit was filed which included all K-12 students in California's most deficient schools. During the summer of 2004, the participants settled the Williams v. State of California lawsuit by agreeing to a legislative package that addressed the plaintiff's concerns. The legislative package was adopted as Education Code 35186, the Williams Settlement Act.

The settlement included the requirement that all school districts in California adopt a resolution articulating the changes to their Uniform Complaint Procedures.

Each school district must post the Williams Settlement summary in each classroom which includes the following requirements:

Sacramento City Unified School District Complaint Report Submitted to the Superintendent Sacramento County Office of Education Pursuant to Education Code 35186

July through September, 2013

Number of Instructional Facilities Complaints Material