SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.7

Meeting Date: September 17, 2026

Subject: Approve 2026-27 Special Education Contracts

- ☐ Information Item Only
- ☐ Approval on Consent Agenda
- ☐ Conference (for discussion only)
- ☐ Conference/First Reading
- ☐ Conference/Action
- ☒ Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Special Education

Recommendation:

Approve 2026-27 Special Education Contracts

Background/Rationale:

Under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), school districts must provide a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) by implementing student IEPs without delay. To resolve critical compliance risks caused by nationwide shortages of special education staff, districts must utilize certified Non-Public Agencies (NPAs) to fill vacancies and provide Non-Public School (NPS) placements for students whose medical, emotional or behavioral needs are so intensive that they cannot be safely or appropriately met in District schools. This presentation seeks to secure approval from the Board for outstanding 2026-27 Special Education contracts.

Financial Considerations:

The use of NPAs does not increase the number of special education providers in the District but rather serves to fill positions that would be otherwise vacant.

The use of NPSs allows the District to offer FAPE to students whose needs exceed what is available in a District special education program. These programs vary in cost, but do outweigh the cost of providing services internally.

Documents Attached:

1. 9.17.2026 Special Education Contracts for Board Approval (Forthcoming)

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 Minutes
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Approved by: Cancy McArn, Superintendent