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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON COLLABORATE PASADENA

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council and Board of Education receive an update on the 2015 progress of Collaborate Pasadena and overview of the 2016 work plan for information only (attachment A).

**BACKGROUND**

At the February 19, 2013, Joint Meeting, both the Pasadena City Council and Pasadena Unified School District's Board of Education unanimously approved the School/City/Community Work Plan, now known as Collaborate PASadena. This effort continues to evolve with a governing structure, backbone team, mission and even a theory of action. The theory of action is designed to ensure that the early child development needs of young children are met so they are ready for school.

This multi-jurisdictional effort is being led by youth, non-profits, higher education, businesses, and parents, in partnership with the Town of Altadena, City of Sierra Madre, City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Unified School District. Built on the collective impact framework, Collaborate PASadena provides a new way of doing business across multiple sectors to ensure desired outcomes for all children.

The progress of the initiative in 2015 included the convening of the Leadership Council, Work Groups, and Executive Committee, who now meet on a monthly basis. Developing an initial shared goal of children reading by third grade was recommended by the Work Groups and further developed by all levels of stakeholders involved with the initiative. Adjustments were made by the consulting team to further the effort while allowing Pasadena Educational Foundation staff to refocus on grant writing for the School District. It is expected that further development of the work groups and governing structure will be supported. Developing metrics for the shared goal and support to organizations in Altadena, Pasadena and Sierra Madre invested in implementation will maintain focus. Adding an additional goal is anticipated as part of the 2016 work plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact associated with this report. The City and School District contributed \$75,000 each to support this effort in 2015. It is anticipated that this level of effort will be requested of each agency in the Fiscal Year 2017.

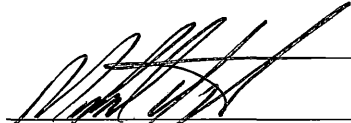
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Attachment: Collaborate PASadena Memorandum