

**BOARD TRANSMITTAL FORM  
DENAIR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**BOARD MEETING DATE: June 8, 2017**

**EXHIBIT NO. 178**

**TO: Board of Education**  
**PREPARED BY: Kara Backman, Director of Secondary Education and Brian LaFountain, Denair Middle School Interim Principal**  
**PRESENTED BY: Kara Backman, Director of Secondary Education and Brian LaFountain, Denair Middle School Interim Principal**

**AGENDA TITLE: APPROVAL OF 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS TAKING SAE COURSES IN AG/FFA**

**AGENDA SECTION:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session              | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Study Session               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Public Comment/Action* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Comment              | <input type="checkbox"/> Bids/Public Comment /Action*                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled Communication     | <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Action*                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent/Board Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Panel                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Report                | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendations*                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Roll Call                                    |

*\*Scheduled for Action*

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION / DETAILS:**

The State of California FFA passed a policy recommendation on April 22, 2017 allowing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in SAE projects and FFA within the same district of residence.

**Overview**

An agricultural education program is made up of three integrated parts: Classroom instruction, FFA and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). Students with an SAE learn by doing. With help from their agricultural teachers, students develop an SAE project based on one or more SAE categories.

**SAE Categories**

**Entrepreneurship**

So, you want to be the boss? Now's your chance. Own and operate an agriculture-related business or enterprise—start small and watch what happens with hard work and perseverance. The basic requirement is that you own the enterprise, equipment and supplies, making the management decisions and taking financial risk, with the ultimate goal of earning a profit. As part of an ownership/entrepreneurship SAE, you might own and operate a lawn care service; produce bedding plants, flowers or crops; or raise animals or livestock.

**Placement**

If you like working for someone else, this is the SAE for you. You'll gain experience and knowledge, and you may be paid, too! Your job or internship could be on a farm or ranch or in an agricultural business, school laboratory or community facility. Track your progress by keeping records of the number of hours you work, your responsibilities and any earnings. Your placement SAE might involve working after school at a farm supply store, on Saturdays at a riding stable or even in a florist shop. Placement programs also include activities where you volunteer your time, learning valuable skills, but are not paid for your time. These unpaid hours can be done as directed school laboratory, community service or service-learning hours.

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### Research and Experimentation

If you like to research or analyze, this is the SAE for you. You will plan and conduct a major agricultural experiment using the scientific process and discover new knowledge. As a part of your research SAE, you verify and demonstrate or learn about scientific principals in agriculture. Some types of research opportunities include determining if phases of the moon have an effect on plant growth or determining the strength of welds using different welding methods.

### Exploratory

In an exploratory SAE, you get to explore agriculture in one of a variety of ways. As a part of your exploratory SAE program, you might attend an agricultural career day or prepare a scrapbook on the work of a veterinarian.

### Proficiency Awards

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through their SAEs, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. Students can compete for awards in 53 areas covering everything from Agricultural Communications to Wildlife Management. Each award area also has two categories, placement and entrepreneurship.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Director of Secondary Education and Denair Middle School Interim Principal recommends to approve the BTF for all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to have the opportunity to be in SAE and FFA at the high school level.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None at this time