# This is a decision paper

**MEMO TO:** Members of the Board of Education

**FROM:** Nannette Johnston, Superintendent

**DATE:** April 21, 2016

**RE:** English Teaching Position at the Early College and Career Center (EC3)

The addition and expansion of pathways at the Early College and Career center (EC3) has created a need for core classes, like English, to be taught at the Center. Specifically, the addition of Television and Video Production at EC3 for the 2016-2017 school year, as well as the addition of the Air and Space Academy and other future pathways necessitates our district adding a 187-day, 7-hours-per-day English Teaching Position to EC3.

Television and Video Production Prerequisite classes will be moving to EC3 for the 2016-2017 school year. Currently, freshmen and sophomore-level students who take courses in Television and Video Production (TVP) take those courses at each high school. One itinerant teacher services all three high schools, traveling in between all three on a daily basis. In order to increase efficiency in both delivery of instruction and resource allocation, it is necessary to move the Television and Video Production (TVP) underclassmen courses to EC3 beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. These courses are offered as prerequisites in the TVP pathway, and successful completion of this pathway leads to industry-level certification and increases the percentage of College and/or Career Readiness rate for our district. In order for first and second year high school students to take the prerequisite course(s) at EC3, they will also need to take another class while they are there. From a logistical perspective, the most efficient solution is to create an English teaching position and place that position at EC3. That teacher can teach all of the English I and English II courses at EC3, allowing the first and second year students to stay at the Center for a 2-period block. This will improve efficiency and create more opportunities for all of our students.

**Recommendation**

I recommend the Board create a 187-day, 7-hours-per-day English Teaching Position to be housed at the Early College and Career Center.

# Recommended motion

I move that the Board create a 187-day, 7-hours-per-day English Teaching Position to be housed at the Early College and Career Center.