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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

FROM: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

DATE: May 2, 2006

SUBJECT: Consideration of an Update on the Manhattan Beach Unified School District's Task Force on Substance Abuse Prevention and Education

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the presentation from the Manhattan Beach Unified School District on its Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Task Force.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with staff's recommendation; however, the task force may have some specific requests of the City that will require City resources.

DISCUSSION:

After the death of a Mira Costa High School student over a year ago, a subcommittee was formed in order to address and provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees on prevention, education and intervention aspects of substance abuse in our community. The goal of the Task Force is "to reduce the number of students using, buying and selling alcohol and drugs by making it harder to do so; by identifying those who do; by directing students and their families toward education, help and recovery; by creating a campus culture at all school sites which advocates and supports healthy lifestyle choices; and by involving the community in our ongoing efforts." The task force has been meeting on a regular basis since that time.

The task force made a presentation to the City Council in September of last year. Tonight, Dr. Gwen Gross, Superintendent of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District and other task force members will provide a follow-up update to the City Council on the ongoing program and action plan as well as any specific recommendations they have that involve the City.