



MEETING OF: April 9, 2013

TITLE: Moving Dodge School into the Townsend Site - Requested by Board Member Mark Stegeman

ITEM #: 20

Information:

Study: X

Action: X

PURPOSE:

To consider the costs and benefits of moving Dodge School into the site of the closing Townesend School and potentially direct staff to execute that move.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

There is substantial excess demand for enrollment at Dodge School, an A-rated middle school (the only TUSD middle school rated above C), including demand from students currently enrolled in other districts or at quality charter schools. Moving Dodge into the nearby Townsend site, which has been recently upgraded and has all the facilities required for a middle school, would allow Dodge to expand immediately, generating significant new revenues, eliminate the costs of decommissioning and shuttering Townsend, create a beneficial new opportunity for TUSD students dissatisfied with current middle school options, and mitigate 5th grade flight from some TUSD elementary schools by families who want to protect their eligibility to enroll in quality charter middle schools and thus saving the district still more revenue.

Time is obviously of the essence.

HOW THIS RELATES TO SUPERINTENDENT'S GOAL(S) ALL (choose one or more: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7) (The superintendent's Goals for 2013-2014 may be found on the TUSD web at www.tusd1.org/goals)

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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For amendments to current IGAs, Initiator provides original IGA recording number:

Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Budget Certification (for use by Office of

Financial Services only):

_____	District Budget
_____	State/Federal Funds
_____	Other _____
<u>Budget Cost</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>

Date
I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ are available and may be:
Authorized from current year budget
Authorized with School Board approval
Code: Fund:

INITIATOR(S):

Mark Stegeman (endorsed by Michael Hicks), Governing Board Members		
Name	Title	Date

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