



MEETING OF: December 20, 2012

TITLE: Presentation on School Closures

ITEM #: 1

Information: X

Study:

Action:

PURPOSE:

Presentation of school consolidations associated with the School Master Plan for the Governing Board to consider closures of specific schools as separate, additional agenda items.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

On November 13, 2012 the Board was presented with three scenarios that were developed in the School Master Plan project to achieve fiscal solvency and support student achievement in spite of a projected \$17 million deficit. These were developed by five Focus Groups who combined options from the Town Hall phase in August and then modified the scenarios using feedback from the Open House phase in October. These phases included extensive public participation in meetings, surveys, and comments through the District's website.

The scenarios included program/staff reductions, central office and administration reductions, salary/benefit adjustments, school consolidations, class size changes, and increased efficiencies. Criteria for consolidation were presented and approved by the Governing Board on November 13, 2012. Using these criteria staff evaluated over 100 consolidation options developed by the focus groups and recommended 18 schools for consolidation and closure. These were presented to the Board on November 20 and November 27 at which meetings the Board initiated closures of fourteen schools (Exhibit A and B are summaries of these options, Exhibit C provides detailed analyses of each option). Written Public Notice was sent and the Board then held two public hearings on December 8 and December 10.

The portion of the School Master Plan that is presented tonight consists of the recommendations for closure and consolidation as presented in the attached exhibits and in the additional, separate agenda items. The process has met all of the requirements of A.R.S. § 15-341 A (33), including notice and public hearing.

The number of schools the Board decides to close will determine the amount and extent of budget cuts necessary to resolve the deficit. The 14 options presented herein are estimated to provide a savings of \$5,000,000 in the first year and \$5,600,000 in future years.

Vivian "Candy" Egbert and Bryant Nodine will be available for any questions.

HOW THIS RELATES TO SUPERINTENDENT'S GOAL(S): The School Master Plan will directly affect achievement, enrollment, transportation and customer service. Thus, Superintendent's Goals 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 are affected. This project will be coordinated to support these goals and the unitary status plan. Specific impacts have been assessed and are included in the consolidation option data sheets included with each option.

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For all Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), Initiator of Agenda Item provides the name of the agency responsible for recording the

Agreement after approval:

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

Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

_____ District Budget
 _____ State/Federal Funds
 _____ Other
Budget Cost Budget Code

Budget Certification (for use by Office of
 Financial Services only):

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):




Bryant Nodine, AICP, Planning Services Program Manager 12-13-12

Name	Title	Date
Bryant Nodine	AICP, Planning Services Program Manager	12-13-12

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

ATTACHMENTS:

Click to download

-  [Consolidation Options \(Regional Summary\)](#)
-  [Consolidatio Options Data Summary](#)
-  [Options Data Sheet](#)

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD AGENDA ITEM
 CONTINUATION SHEET
