



TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF: December 20, 2012

TITLE: Closure of Brichta and Menlo Park Elementary Schools including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with the new Maxwell K-8 and Tolson Elementary School

ITEM #: 11

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

Provide information for the consideration of the closure of Brichta and Menlo Park Elementary Schools including recommendations for the 2013-2014 school year for merger with the new Maxwell K-8 and Tolson Elementary School.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Brichta Elementary is a candidate for closure because it meets most of the criteria approved by the Governing Board. It would save \$350,000 annually by taking over the Maxwell site, essentially closing Maxwell. Maxwell is a D school with strong enrollment declines and a very low attraction-flight ratio. Brichta has a strong technology program and the Maxwell site has been equipped with the technology to support this.

To accept Brichta, Maxwell would receive about \$150,000 in bond improvements. The Brichta site does not have a strong potential for reuse in the immediate future; it does have potential for continued community use for recreation.

Menlo Park Elementary is a candidate for closure because it meets most of the criteria approved by the Governing Board. It would save \$300,000 annually by moving to the Maxwell site, essentially closing Maxwell which is a D school with significant enrollment declines and a very low attraction-flight ratio. Menlo Park is also experiencing an enrollment decline of about 50 students in the last five years.

Menlo Park could tie into the strong technology program created by the consolidation of Brichta and Maxwell. This would provide an enhanced technology experience for over 600 students from primary grades through middle school with no transitions.

To accept Menlo Park, Maxwell would receive about \$150,000 in bond improvements. The Menlo Park site already is part of a shared use agreement with the City, which will continue if the school is closed. This agreement provides a strong potential for the reuse of the site as a community center.

Vivian "Candy" Egbert and Bryant Nodine will be available to answer questions.

This 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 desegregation plan. Actual impacts, positive or negative, will be assessed as the options are evaluated.

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 12/12/12

Name

Title

Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

ATTACHMENTS:

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- [Menlo Park Elementary School Map](#)
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