



MEETING OF: December 20, 2012

TITLE: Closure of Wakefield Middle School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Hollinger K-8 and Van Buskirk Elementary School

ITEM #: 14

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

Provide information for the consideration of the closure of Wakefield Middle School including recommendations for the 2013-2014 school year for merger with Hollinger K-8 and Van Buskirk Elementary School.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Wakefield Middle School is a candidate for closure because it meets most of the criteria approved by the Governing Board, including low and declining enrollment, higher performing, nearby receiving schools, an annual savings of about \$700,000 and a relatively good potential for reuse. Schools in the area are at less than 70% full on the average and this change would bring them closer to the 90% optimum.

Creating a K-8 at Hollinger helps to meet the demand for K-8 programs in the area, provides a dual language K-8 program and reduces transitions for exceptional education students. Middle School students in the area could attend Utterback or Safford which are within two and three miles.

On the negative side, Wakefield has facilities appropriate to a middle school; these would need to be added to Hollinger.

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:

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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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