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TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF: December 20, 2012

TITLE: Closure of Fort Lowell-Townsend K-8 including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger of 6-8 grades with Doolen and Magee Middle Schools, and K-5 to Whitmore Elementary School

ITEM #: 5

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

Provide information for the consideration of the closure of Fort Lowell-Townsend K-8 including recommendations for the 2013-2014 school year for merger of 6-8 grades with Doolen and Magee Middle Schools, and K-5 to Whitmore Elementary School.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Fort Lowell - Townsend is a candidate for closure because it meets most of the criteria approved by the Governing Board, including poor academic performance, slightly higher performing receiving schools, significantly declining enrollment, a high likely value for alternative use of the site, and a high annual savings (\$820,000). There is room for additional students in the receiving middle schools.

On the negative side, the school received the Fort Lowell students two years ago and those students still at the school would now move into other receiving schools. Also, Whitmore would be over capacity. Thus, Exceptional Education classes would need to be moved from Whitmore and/or classrooms or portables would need to be added to provide space for the new students.

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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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
Budget Cost Budget Code

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
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