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TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING OF: December 20, 2012

TITLE: Closure of Sewell Elementary School including Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Merger with Bonillas Magnet and Kellond Elementary Schools

ITEM #: 8

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

Provide information for the consideration of the closure of Sewell Elementary School including recommendations for the 2013-2014 school year for merger with Bonillas Magnet and Kellond Elementary Schools.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Sewell Elementary is a candidate for closure because it meets most of the criteria approved by the Governing Board, including declining enrollment (except for this year), a high likely value for alternative use of the site, and Kellond is a high performing school within 2 miles.

Although Sewell's academic performance is very good, it is experiencing declining enrollment and has limited ability to accept additional students to increase its enrollment due to the small size of the building. The small capacity of Sewell means that the enrollment does not allow the school to break even in regards to the costs of running the school. Like Sewell, Kellond Elementary – a potential receiving school – has good academic performance and has a capacity of 700 students so it could receive most, if not all, students from Sewell. Both of these schools have extended-day programs and are OMA schools.

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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