



MEETING OF: October 20, 2015

TITLE: Grade Configuration Changes at Tucson Unified School District Schools, to include possible changes at Borman, Collier, Drachman, and Fruchthendler Elementary Schools and Sabino High School

ITEM #: 9

Information: X

Study:

Action:

**PURPOSE:**

Inform the Governing Board of the progress of the grade configuration change proposals from the schools, the work of the committee assigned to this task, and the responses to the proposals from the Special Master and Plaintiffs.

**DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

In the last school year five proposals were received from schools to change their grade configurations: Borman K-5 to K-8, Collier K-5 to K-6, Drachman K-6 to K-8, Fruchthendler K-5 to K-6 and Sabino 9-12 to 7-12. A committee of staff and parents from the schools was formed to review and evaluate the proposals collectively. The DLR Group was hired to facilitate the committee's work, to evaluate facilities and costs relative to the changes, and to present the results.

In August the committee completed much of their work and the proposals were presented to the Special Master and Plaintiffs (SMP). Staff, DLR and the SMP discussed the proposals in a teleconference on August 26. The proposals were revised accordingly and submitted formally to the SMP on September 25. This item was one of the topics of discussion during the recent desegregation conference.

At the October 20 Board meeting staff will present the results of the numerous reviews and the next steps in the project.

Charlotte Patterson and Bryant Nodine will be present at the meeting to report.

**BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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