



MEETING OF: November 13, 2012

TITLE: School Master Plan – Approval of Consolidation Criteria

ITEM #: 10

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

Provide the Governing Board the full results of the evaluations of School Master Plan scenarios by the site councils, the focus groups and others, to present the results of the November Public Workshops and to request approval of the consolidation criteria as modified in the October Focus Group meetings.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

As part of the School Master Plan project, five Focus Groups developed three scenarios to achieve fiscal solvency and support student achievement. These were developed by combining options created and adjusted during the Town Hall outreach portion of the project in August. The scenarios include program/staff reductions, salary/benefit adjustments, school consolidations, class size changes, and increased efficiencies. Each of the three scenarios addressed two potential budget futures: 1) the passage of Proposition 204 (no budget deficit) and 2) the failure in the passage of Proposition 204 (a \$17 million deficit). The resulting six scenarios were presented in four Public Open Houses, on the website and to site councils by site council members or principals. Surveys at the Open Houses, on the web and at site council meetings were used by the Focus Groups on October 29 and October 30 to evaluate and adjust the scenarios. The majority of those surveyed supported Scenario #3 for both of the budget futures and the work of the Focus Groups presented in Exhibit A reflects this support for Scenario #3.

As all of the scenarios include some degree of school consolidations, criteria for consolidation were presented to the Governing Board on October 9, October 15 and October 23. These criteria address two phases of consolidation: 1) the selection of schools to consider for consolidation and 2) approaches to successfully consolidate schools. The criteria have now been used by the five Focus Groups to start to evaluate consolidations. By applying the criteria, they have recommended modifications, deletions and additions to the criteria and the data used to evaluate the criteria. The results of the Focus Group work were presented at the Board meeting on October 23 and they are included in the criteria attached as Exhibit B for your consideration.

The next step in the planning project was to hold two Public Workshops as follows:

Thursday, November 8, Mary Belle McCorkle K-8

Saturday, November 10, Rincon-University High School

At these workshops, participants indicated preferences related to the transition to the New District vision as developed in the School Master Plan project. Additionally, they addressed concerns related to school consolidations and the implementation of the plan. The results of the workshops will be presented at the November 13 Governing Board meeting.

Vivian Egbert and Bryant Nodine will be available for any questions.

HOW THIS RELATES TO SUPERINTENDENT'S GOAL(S): The School Master Plan 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 **11/5/12**

Name

Title

Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:
ATTACHMENTS:
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 [SMP - Results of Open Houses and Focus Group Mtg 5](#)

 [SMP - Criteria Related to Guiding Principles](#)

 [SMP - Schedule October thru December 2012](#)

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