

DISD Designation of the Location for Comprehensive High School No. 4

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of the 380 corridor as the location for Comprehensive High School No. 4

BOARD GOAL:

- Work consistently with the community in planning and facility development
- Review and adjust policies and procedures effectively to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community
- Create and continuously modify strategies to mitigate increasing stresses on our children, our schools, and our community

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- There has been no previous board action on this agenda item.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The 2007 bond package included funds for planning comprehensive high school no. 4. In order to begin that planning the Board of Trustees conducted a series of workshop session centered on facility planning.

The July planning sessions included but were not limited to discussion of the following topics:

- Reviewed community comments from May 2008 High School Attendance Boundary Adjustment
- Discussed Middle School/Elementary School design information inclusive of future space for Pre-K.
- Discussed Considerations as DISD approaches .50 cent Interest and Sinking tax rate
- Discussed Capping of Permanent School Fund
- Upon review of the demographic data and growth projections DISD staff provided by DISD staff
- 50 cent I and S tax rate
 - Growth no longer pays for growth due to increase in construction cost and a decrease in value growth.
 - Increase in construction costs will accelerate the I and S tax rate.
 - HS design/capacity may need to alter :
 - for the district to be more efficient with bond dollars
 - Accommodate HS students on the 380 corridor, and southern growth
 - Accommodate population shifts within the district
 - Create Learning communities inclusive of two middle schools for each high school

The August planning sessions included but were not limited to discussion of the following topics:

- Discussed HS enrollments with current students attending DISD schools.
- Discussed HS enrollments with a 4% growth rate
- Reviewed the high growth areas of the south and the 380 corridor.
- Provided demographic data stating the need for high school relief in the Fall of 2012

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Items for future discussion:
 - Discuss facility planning and high school capacity issues with district architects.
 - Involve the phasing of HS no. 4
 - Discuss the potential for expansion at current comprehensive high school campuses
 - Impact on student learning environment.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Discuss debt capacity as it relates to growth and tax rate, Bill Gumbert will be in attendance at the October 7, 2008.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow the district ample time to plan and study for future high school capacity requirements.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternatives are presented at this time

OTHER COMMENTS:

- No other comments at this time

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- It is the superintendent's recommendation that comprehensive High School No.4 be constructed in the 380 corridor.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____