

School Board Meeting/Workshop Date:

February 23, 2009

Subject:

Middle School Instructional
Budget Reductions

Presenter:

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SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Report only

DESCRIPTION: PROPOSED BCMS TEACHING FTE CUTS 2009-2010:

- 2.00 Core class (English, math, science, social studies)
 - 1.0 7th grade
 - 1.0 8th grade
- .30 Physical Education
- .40 Music
- .15 Art
- .05 Health
- .25 Tech Ed
- .15 FACS
- 3.3 Total FTE Cuts

2007-2008			2008-2009 Projection as of 2/20/08			2008-2009 Current Enrollment as of 2/20/09			2009-2010 Student Registration Numbers as of 2/20/09		
GRADE	STUDENTS	SECTIONS	GRADE	STUDENTS	SECTIONS	GRADE	STUDENTS	SECTIONS	GRADE	STUDENTS	SECTIONS
6	431	15	6	397	14	6	427	14	6	415	14
7	415	15	7	433	15	7	444	15	7	428	14
8	461	16	8	416	15	8	422	15	8	444	14
TOTALS	1307	46	TOTALS	1246	44	TOTALS	1293	44	TOTALS	1287	42
AVG. CLASS SIZE			AVG. CLASS SIZE			AVG. CLASS SIZE			AVG. CLASS SIZE		
1307/46 =			1246/44 =			1293/44			1287/42		
28.41			28.32			29.39			30.64		

Process for proposed BCMS cuts

- A. Scheduling Task Force was formed and determined the following priorities:
 - Keep all Read 180 classes
 - Make class size as low as possible
 - Keep class sizes equal each class period
 - Keep teams if possible
- B. Parent input was solicited via our Parent Advisory Committee:
 - The PAC agreed that small class size is important
 - Keep as many options as possible (enriched, remedial and electives)
- C. The BCMS Leadership Team discussed options and gave input. There was consensus that overall cuts rather than specific targeted program cuts were essential.
- D. All department chairs were informed of proposed cuts to their department. Together we worked through numbers and developed our current scenarios.

Impact of proposed BCMS cuts:

- A. Reduction in accelerated/enriched English and math classes (loss of Gifted and Talented).
- B. Decrease in number of 8th grade elective options.
- C. Class size increases (see chart).
- D. Teachers teaching multiple grades means they will be part of multiple teams.
- E. 6th grade teacher (2 at least) moving to elementary positions due to license restrictions.