

Denton Independent School District

- Prepared for Board of Trustees

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010

Video Production of Guys Operating As Leaders (GOAL)

Board Goal:

II. Teacher & Learning

- Establish high expectations with a curriculum that fosters inquiry and critical thinking.

III. Climate... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Celebrate and respect the diversity in our Denton ISD Community.
- Establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents and community.
- Instill in students a love of life-long learning.

IV. Parent and community involvement – in pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- Foster a positive and welcoming environment that encourages parent and community partnerships to achieve success for all our students.
- Work continuously with the community in planning and facility development.
- Utilize citizens' advisory committees to focus on short and long-term tasks.
- Provide support services and promote health, wellness and safety for students and families.
- Establish and promote programs to develop and enhance parenting skills and participation in the schools.

Purpose of Report:

To update the Board of Trustees on GOAL: Guys Operating As Leaders. The GOAL program was initiated this summer by the staff at McMath Middle School to provide learning and leadership opportunities to incoming eighth-graders, who were considered “at risk.”

Objectives: To help “at risk” male students at the critical middle school year to not only stay in school, but to become successful leaders of their campus – in and out of the classroom

Overview:

- This was the first year the GOAL program was initiated by McMath Principal Debra Nobles and ESL/Bilingual Middle School Coordinator Chris Ice.
- The Board will be presented a video at the Sept. 14th meeting about this summer program.

Operational Impact:

This was a pilot project with funding coming from McMath Middle School and donations from the community and Adopt-A-School: Partners in Education. The school is looking at continuing the program at McMath and possibly expand it to other middle schools in the district.

Results

Attendance was high throughout the summer and parents relayed back to the McMath staff the difference the program made in their sons. There also was an increase in enrollment in advanced studies classes by the participants.

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