



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 5/30/24 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Steven Fuller

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

Propose to apply for \$8,000 grant from The American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD) Shade Structure Program awards funds to schools, day-cares, parks, and other non-profit organizations for installing permanent shade structures where children learn and play. Each shade structure award is a maximum of \$8,000, which includes the cost for shade structure materials and installation. In addition to the grant, the AAD also provides a permanent sign to be placed near the shade structure featuring sun-safety tips. The AAD receives support for this program through donations from its members, outside organizations, and individuals.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

The large oak tree that provided shade for the Williams Elementary Playground was removed in 2023 for safety reasons. The direct light can make the play structures and surrounding area uncomfortably hot on sunny days.

List the advantages of your proposal:

The estimated cost of the sun shade structure is \$29,000. The \$8,000 will reduce our cost to \$21,000. It will provide shade and protection from the sun for our students and staff. Also as part of this grant students will be taught lessons about the risks of skin damage as a result of too much sun exposure.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

If the grant does not cover the entire cost of installation. Also, the usable life of the equipment and maintenance cost of the equipment. All of these issues will be researched and reported prior to any actions taking place.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

We have solicited quotes from multiple sources, but only received one proposal.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐