

AGENDA ITEM: Comprehensive Diversity Plan

MEETING DATE: March 29, 2010

SUGGESTED DISPOSITION: Approval

CONTACT PERSON: Steven Dooley, Superintendent



The Comprehensive Diversity Plan (Integration Plan as we have been calling it) is ready for board approval. The deadline for submission to the Department of Education is April 15th and our next meeting is April 12th so we would have time if the board felt they needed it. I, however, would prefer not to cut it that close.

We have a good review from the Department on March 17th when I personally met with Ms. Glory Kibble at the MDE. She requested some structural changes to the proposal but felt the content was very good. She particularly liked the use of integration funding to fund visual arts instructors and a middle school Spanish position. Ms. Kibble also was impressed with the data management part of our proposal and particularly liked the Viewpoints software we are proposing to purchase.

This will provide the district with approximately \$291,000 in funding for new and culturally diverse programming.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval