



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: July 18th 2017 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Casey Alderson

Type of Item: ☐ Informational ☒ Action

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

I am asking the board to review and approve a course, Math Foundations, that will help support 9th Grade students who are not at grade level in mathematics. This course will fill gaps in a students mathematical understanding and prepare them for success in required high school courses for graduation; Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra II.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

For 2016-17:
20.8% of all 9th Grade Math grades were F's
13.7% of all 9th graders failed two semesters of math
31.7% of all 9th graders failed at least one math class

List the advantages of your proposal:

This course will provide the needed support for student progress in math and allow students who are not at grade level leaving middle school to gain the knowledge needed to be successful in graduation required courses. This course provides the foundation for students struggling in math entering high school.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

Students passing this course will receive elective credit, as opposed to Math credit. This is due to the state requirement for graduation of students needing three years of math credit at Algebra and above content (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, Math 63, Statistics and Probability, Pre Calculus, AP Calculus)

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

We could continue to make incoming 9th graders take grade level math courses without having an option of filling the holes in their education.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐