



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 21-Jan-14

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Staff/Administrator: Dave Valenzuela

Superintendent: Patricia Adams

Type of Item:  Informational  Action

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

I would like to request Board approval to pursue two new GEAR UP grants on behalf of Lincoln Savage & Hidden Valley and Lorna Byrne & Illinois Valley. GEAR UP - Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs has been helping students prepare for, pursue and succeed in postsecondary education since 2002 in Oregon. Three Rivers School District has had multiple successful GEAR UP grants in the past, most recently serving North Valley and Fleming.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal.**

Oregon GEAR UP relies on five research-based principles to change the school culture and prepare students for college success. Each school cluster has an individual yearly plan; educators implement the 5 "Rs" according to school and student needs. -Rigor - Relevance - Right Classes - Relationships - Raising Awareness - School Clusters in this case would be (Lorna Byrne & Illinois Valley) and (Lincoln Savage & Hidden Valley). Each school cluster will be pursuing separate competitive grants. Oregon GEAR UP website = <http://gearup.ous.edu/home>

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

This grant will allow these schools to provide authentic enrichment opportunities that address challenges posed by proficiency based learning, common core state standards, literacy standards and essential skills. We can offer support classes outside of the school day to address the academic needs of our students. In addition it provides us an opportunity to offer classes and activities that create a strong and lasting connection to school for our students by addressing their interests. Lastly, it allows LSMS and FMS to purchase technology and equipment otherwise not possible due to funding constraints.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

NONE

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

NONE

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No