



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 10/21/2014 Superintendent: David Holmes

Administrator/Staff: Principal Scott Polen, LBMS 

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

Send coordinators Joann Snook and Tani Becker to the GEAR UP West Conference. It will be held in Seattle, Washington on October 26-28, 2014.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

This is a great place for folks to learn ideas from other GEAR UP sites and meet folks throughout the region involved in this work.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Invoice Gear Up \$275 per person conference fees. Use Gear Up annual allocation to pay for lodging and transportation.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

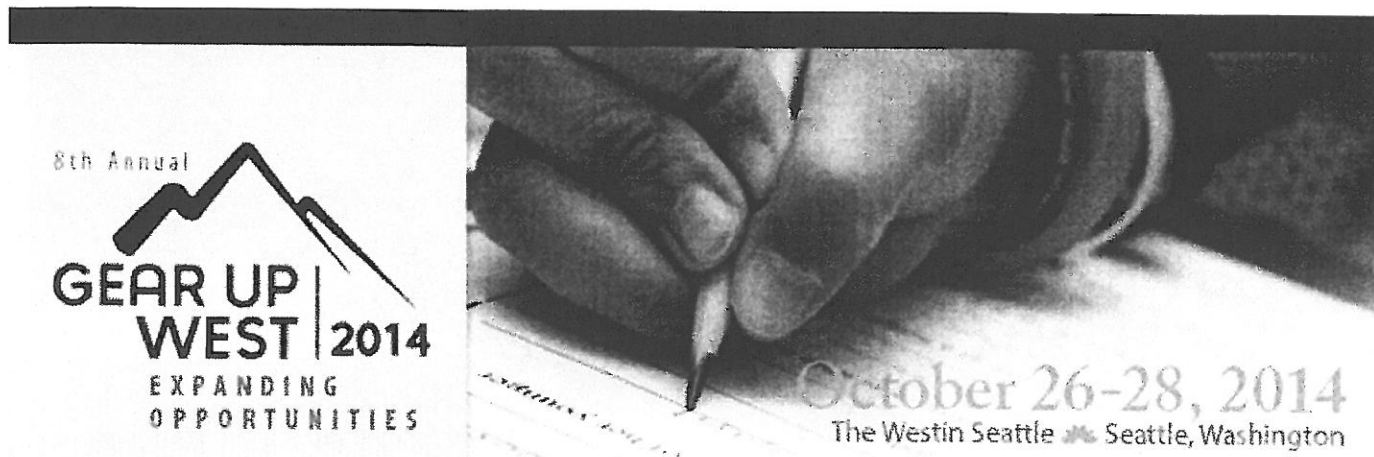
None known.

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

None known.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No



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GEAR UP West is a collaborative regional conference for college access practitioners from the western states of the US.

In 2013, the event drew participants from ten western states: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, & WY. Attendees include GEAR UP and other college access program staff, evaluators, higher education professionals, middle and high school teachers, counselors, and administrators. All those working to help low-income and underrepresented students prepare for and succeed in college are welcome to attend.

Breakout sessions at this year's event will illustrate and examine best practices especially those reflecting on and drawing from the conference theme, **Expanding Opportunities**.

Sessions will include those that examine best practices related to:

- College freshmen student support services
- College match/selection
- Equity (gender equity, ELL, students of color) and support for underrepresented populations
- Financial education and financial literacy
- Leadership for college readiness (principal and superintendent focus)
- Persistence
- Supporting undocumented students
- Working with rural schools

Plenary speakers will be announced soon.