



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 15-Jun-09

Agenda # _____

Staff/Administrator: John George, Doug Ely

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

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

We are proposing to relocate the TRACT (TRSD Special Education Transition Program), the Hidden Valley High School GED and Alternative Center Programs, and the North Valley GED and Alternative Center (Rebound) in a central location in downtown Grants Pass. The building that we are currently in the process of trying to lease is the Parkway Professional Building. It is the old Employment Division building, and the current neighboring agency is HASL. It is located on 8th street between E and Fstreets. We would like the board's support in the concept of pursuing this restructuring and relocation of our programs.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

The concept of looking for a downtown location started with the need to relocate the TRACT Program. Due to a lack of having an operable fire alarm system at the D.O., TRACT had to be moved to a portable building on the Lincoln Savage Middle School Campus during Spring Break of this past school year. In looking at what type of location would be best overall for the program, we started looking for a downtown location. At about the same time, we were trying to look at ways to maximize our resources in other areas. Thus, the idea began to centralize and combine the GED and Alternative Programs currently being provided on two campuses into one location

List the advantages of your proposal:

The advantages of this proposal are many. For TRACT students, this will allow for students to learn how to use public transportation, and provide better proximity to work settings that we currently have in town. This also will decrease the number of staff time spent on transporting students in activity vans to work locations. For the GED program, students will be enrolled and attending most of the day, so we should see better results in completion ratios, and possibly an increase in regular graduation rates due to the GED program not being on campus, and thus not such an attractive option to students. In addition, it will provide for staffing efficiencies that may cover most of the building lease cost. Another advantage is that the Alternative Programs will not be located on campus.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The disadvantage is that when the alternative programs are located off campus, it makes it hard for a student to access one or two regular or credit make-up classes. This could still happen, it would just make it more difficult.

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

The combination of programs could be located at either North Valley High School or Hidden Valley High School, but this would be more costly for transportation, a much longer bus ride for students residing in the other school's attendance area, and be a vehicle for students to attend the other school. Additionally, the district does not own property that is centrally located in town that has the capacity for these programs.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No