

ENROLLMENT AND STAFFING UPDATE

POLICY ISSUE/SITUATION:

The Board has requested a staffing and enrollment update for the 2013-14 school year.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE:

Enrollment for the current year is essentially flat. With 39,227 students, there are 30 more students than last year and 21 fewer students than projected. There is a modest decrease of 15 students at the high school level. This may be due to an increase in Early College enrollment. Due to construction that is occurring throughout the District, enrollment increases are anticipated to continue.

Although higher than optimal, local option and gain share funds have helped to lower class size. At the elementary level, average class sizes (not staffing ratios) are under 30 students at every grade level with kindergarten being the lowest at 25 and 4th being the highest at 29.

Class size for middle school core classes range from 28 to 32 students. High school core class size averages remain in the 30s and 40s. However, there are fewer extreme class sizes (50+) than occurred last year.

STAFFING UPDATE:

Due to the local option levy and gain share funds, the District has allocated additional staffing to schools for 2013-14.

	Licensed <u>Positions</u> Added Due to Local Option Funds	Licensed and Classified <u>Positions</u> Added Due to Gain Share/Enrollment Funds
Elementary	82	9
Middle	28	1.6
High	31	4
Options	10	0
Total	151	14.6

A total of 447 teacher transfers occurred for the 2013-14 school year. Of this total, 389 were administratively transferred in June and 58 were transferred during the summer following the posting and interview process. Out of last year's 204 teachers laid off, 10 remain on the recall list.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board receive this report as an informational item.