



LAKELAND JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Board Agenda Item Request

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion Item - Reallocation of Resources

PURPOSE: Share ideas for reducing budget

MEETING DATE: December 9, 2024

PREPARED BY: Lisa Arnold

SUMMARY

If we move elementary students out of a building, we could move Mt View to the vacated school, which allows us to save money on electricity and gas at Mt. View. This provides the space Mt View needs with a growing student population. I would also recommend that we move the GATE program to this building.

Additionally, I would recommend that we take this opportunity to create a behavior therapy classroom(s) where we would be able to work directly with our students who are disrupting learning in our classrooms. This would allow our most highly trained staff to work with our most at-risk students. Initially I thought this program could also be housed in the vacated school, but we heard from the SDE, apparently that would be illegal. We can, however, have a school within a school. At whichever school this program is located, the Special Education Department would be housed. This model could help us trim our Special Education costs by reducing the number of one-on-one paraprofessionals we employ.