



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: September 15, 2021 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Casey Alderson, Erik Lathen, Melissa I

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

North Valley High School is seeking to re-establish a nationally recognized charter in the FFA Career Technical Student Organization. FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education. We are seeking your approval to establish this chapter.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

In 1978 North Valley High School had an FFA organization on campus. I do not know how long it was a viable program. In time the charter was lost as there was no longer any active participation. Bringing FFA back will provide students another opportunity on campus to explore careers, competitions, and have another avenue to pursue their goals. Currently in our Agriculture Leadership class we are putting together the proposed Bylaws, Chapter Constitution, Program of activities and budget for our proposed chapter. We hope to include a draft by the Board Meeting to add for approval and so that the board can see the student interest in such a program.

List the advantages of your proposal:

FFA provides a student run and student driven on campus club that correlates and provides opportunities that align with the curriculum that is being taught in their Agriculture and Natural Resources classes. FFA prides itself on building Employability Skills, leadership and career development opportunities, civic responsibility and so much more. Additionally as the program builds and we have completers and concentrators in our CTE programs we as a district are able to garner more funding to keep our technology and educators up to date (Perkins and Career Pathways monies). Finally we will have an opportunity to provide one more varied organization on campus for another set of students who often times are not represented in our Intra or Extra Curricular Activities. If these students are engaged in their school we will benefit from additional attendance and higher graduation rates.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

The only disadvantages that I currently see is by leaving this field unavailable to students that we are not doing our very best to provide equity and a wide variety of potential career introductions to our students.

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

Currently there are no other similar organizations that span the breadth and depth that an FFA organization on campus would provide for our students. I do not see a way to provide the same opportunities and resources to our students without a chartered FFA organization.

Superintendent's recommendation(s): Approve: Yes No