

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Reconfiguring AISD Elementary Schools to Kindergarten through 4th grade and McAnally Intermediate to 5th and 6th grades.

PRESENTER: Dr. Derek Citty, Superintendent

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): #5 - The District shall exhibit excellence in financial and facility planning, management, and stewardship.

Background Information: As was shared with Trustees on December 16, 2013 the elementary campuses which are currently configured as K-5 campuses are quickly running out of functional capacity. The spaces designed for learning such as classrooms, labs, gyms, etc. are quickly becoming saturated with students in each of the four attendance zones.

Administration is concerned that if some measure, such as reconfiguration, rezoning or the addition of portable classrooms, is not done very soon, the K-5 campuses will have no choice but to begin using non-instructional spaces such as libraries, teacher work rooms, hallways, etc to accommodate the growing enrollment for each campus.

Administrative Considerations: Administration has discussed this possible move with staff (including 5th grade teachers, campus administration, parents at both brown bag lunches, PTO meetings and two separate town hall meetings held at Coder and Vandagriff for all four campuses.

In addition, this proposal was discussed with the District Wide Effectiveness Improvement Committee which gave the proposal tacit approval on November 21, 2013.

Included with this synopsis is a summary of research done by Administration along with a copy of the presentation made to DWEIC, Trustees, staff and the community in attendance in town hall meetings in the past several weeks.

FISCAL NOTE: If this recommendation is accepted by Trustees, Administration believes, there will be a need to add an additional assistant principal and upgrade the library assistant position to full time librarian to accommodate the additional enrollment.

There may be as yet unknown financial needs in order to accommodate this move, if approved.

Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends reconfiguring the Aledo ISD elementary campuses to K-4th grade and McAnally Intermediate to 5th and 6th grades, effective the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.