

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Superintendent Reports

A. EnrollmentB. District events

C. 2012-2015 Strategic Plan

D. School Transformation Resolution

PRESENTER: Dan Manning

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): ALL

Report Information:

A. Enrollment as of 3-19-12 is 4,651

By campus:

Vanadgriff ES: 487

Coder ES: 467

Stuard ES: 567

McCall ES: 506

McIS: 357

AMS: 747

• Daniel 9th: 430

AHS: 1,090

• TLC: 26 (counted in the AHS enrollment numbers)

B. District events

- 1. Bring Your Own Device- starts March 26th, AHS
- 2. Strategic Planning Meeting, March 22, 5:30 PM, McCall
- 3. Marva Collins Awards- May 7th, 7:00 PM, AHS Auditorium
- 4. Annual Employee Banquet, May 15th, 6:30 PM, Daniel Ninth Grade Campus
- 5. Next Board Meeting: April 16, 2012- Regular Meeting 7:00
- C. Strategic Planning Update- Meetings March 22nd and April 3rd. Next phase
- D. School Transformation Resolution-

Recently, a team of 35 respected Texas superintendents finished formulating a vision document called, "A New Vision for Texas Public Education". Taking two years to write, the 48 page document contains several premises concerning education that are rapidly becoming a popular movement across Texas. It includes a resolution I would like our board to consider adopting in the March Board meeting. (The proposed resolution will be attached to this email)

Some of the major tenets of this new vision include:

• Texas now has an over reliance on standardized, high stakes testing as the only assessment of learning that really matters in state and federal accountability systems.

- "One size fits all" High stakes testing is strangling our public schools and undermining
 any chance to create a better school system that prepares students to be competitive on
 a global stage.
- Accountability in public schools is very important and our students have performed very
 well in the past, but the system of the past will not prepare our students to lead in the
 future.
- Calls on the Texas Legislature to re-examine the public school accountability system in Texas and to develop a more balanced system that encompasses multiple assessments, reflects greater validity, and is better understood by all stakeholders in the state.

Many educators across the state believe it is time for parents, school boards, business leaders and taxpayers in local communities all over the state to stand up for a "world-class education system" that is accountable to its community and its community leaders, not micro-managed in Austin or Washington. Over 100 school districts across the state have adopted this resolution known as "MISSION: SCHOOL TRANSFORMATION".

FISCAL NOTE: None

Administrative Recommendation: Report Only