

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

**Board Meeting Date:** 10/18/2016                      **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

**Administrator/Staff:** Jessica Durrant

**Type of Item:**       *Informational*                       *Action*

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

House Bill 2972 was passed in 2015 and impacts schools beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. The bill requires school districts to collect dental screening information for students 7 years of age or younger and who are beginning an educational program (including prekindergarten) for the first time. School must provide preventative dental care information to students and collect information from all parents about their child's dental screening history. This school year, all Kindergarten and 1st grade teachers will have conversations with parents during conferences in November. Data gathered during conferences will be entered into Synergy and reports will be submitted to ODE.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

Oral health is an important part of a student's overall health. There are documented connections between overall health and a student's academic performance and attendance. The goal of the bill is to raise parents' awareness of the importance of oral health and identify children who have cavities, abscesses or other dental problems that may cause them to miss school.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Parents and students will be more informed about the importance of oral health. They will also receive information on prevention and local agencies who can help with treatment plans.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

None at this time.

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

We are hoping to partner with the existing "Kids SMILE" program to help with future screenings of all Kindergarten and 1st grade students each Fall.

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