



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: April 15th, 2013

Agenda #

Staff/Administrator: Dave Valenzuela

Superintendent: Dan Huber-Kantola

Type of Item: Informational Action

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

The Jackson County branch of the United Way, Medford School District 549C and Evergreen Elementary are working together on a project the United Way calls; The Big Idea! The Big Idea will be targeting the class of 2020, or this year's 5th grade class. The intent behind this movement is to develop and provide this class with programs and services that support the ultimate goal of a 100% graduation for this class. The United Way is currently working on creating community partnerships and identifying external resources that will support this concept.

Provide history/background information on your proposal.

A parent of a 5th grade student at Evergreen, Deelia Warner, is the one who brought this to our attention. She works for US Bank and is involved with the United Way of Jackson County. She has met with the Principals of Evergreen, Lorna Byrne and Illinois Valley High School, along with Dave Valenzuela, about The Big Idea. She has unanimous support for this program from the building administrators and Dave Valenzuela.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Added support for the class of 2020 to reach a 100% graduation rate. We would also have the ability to study the initiatives utilized by this program and replicate those that are successful.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

It can be challenging to garner lasting support from Illinois Valley businesses.

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

None

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No