Executive Summary Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting January 22, 2013

Borman Elementary International Baccalaureate Exploration Workshop

Board Goals

- establish high expectations with a curriculum that fosters inquiry and critical thinking
- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life.
- establish a high expectation level for success for all students, staff, parents, and community
- instill in students a love of life-long learning
- motivate and prepare students to embrace their full responsibilities and obligations as active citizens of their community, nation, and world

Purpose of Report

The intent of this workshop is to share the exploration process and steps Borman Elementary has taken to prepare for applying for International Baccalaureate status (with future board approval).

Objectives

- to share why Borman Elementary school desires to become an IB school
- to share the preparation Borman Elementary has taken in the past 18 months, known as the Exploration Phase that IB requires before applying to become an IB school
- to preview the budget required for Borman Elementary relative to IB expenses

Operational Impact

Refer to last slide of IB power point for details:

2012-13	\$ 4000 total
2013-14	\$70900 total

<u>Results</u>

Adding another campus with IB to the Calhoun MS and Denton HS feeder system will not only benefit students at Borman Elementary but will also strengthen the entire program as fewer students entering CMS would require initiation into the IB approach to thinking and learning. Currently, there is a waiting list of transfer students desiring placement into Newton Rayzor that could be eliminated in future years as two elementary campus options would be available. Borman campus has a number of classrooms available for growth as N. Rayzor is at capacity.

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Other Options

No other options will be presented to the board other than, in a future board meeting, consider approval or not of moving forward with initiating IB at Borman Elementary School beginning summer 2013.