



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

11A. Report

Date: April 9, 2009

SUBJECT: BILINGUAL/ESL PROGRAMS

BOARD GOAL: Academic Excellence

FISCAL NOTE: State and Local Funds

Background Information:

- One-way Dual Language Bilingual Education (BE) Program supports academic achievement, the development of bilingualism, biliteracy and cross-cultural awareness
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Program supports the development of the cognitive, affective and linguistic domains of the Limited English proficient student
- Grades PK-6 served through one of three formats: One-way Dual language grade level classes, ESL grade level classes, or ESL pull-out classes.
- Grades 7-12 served through one of three ESL formats: 1-2 period blocks of ESL services daily at middle schools and high school, services through sheltered instruction classes or services through ESL certified classroom teachers
- 1,631 LEP students speaking 47 different languages receiving services

Administrative Considerations:

- In continuing the One-way Dual language model of instruction for our Spanish fluent bilingual classes the model of instruction will roll up in to 4th grade for the 2009-10 school year
- In continuing the Vietnamese bilingual program the program will roll up to Kindergarten next year at Parkview Elementary. Parkview elementary will host the program for all qualifying Vietnamese fluent students in Pre Kindergarten and Kindergarten for the district.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting Minutes
- K-Connect Curriculum and Instruction page
- K-Connect Bilingual/ESL page
- Monthly Bilingual/ESL department meetings

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Respectfully submitted,

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