



## **ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE**

**MEETING DATE:** January 14, 2013

**AGENDA ITEM:** Design Report-Proposed Additions to Aledo Learning Center

**PRESENTERS:** Dan Manning, Superintendent

**ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY(S): FINANCIAL/FACILITIES-** the District shall exhibit excellence in financial and facility planning, management, and stewardship.

### **Background Information:**

- In 2008, the taxpayers of Aledo ISD approved a bond package which included plans to expand the size of the Aledo Learning Center.
- Expansion was put on hold because of the slowdown in District growth over the last three years.
- With the phase-in of more rigorous testing requirements for our high school students, coupled with future growth coming back into play, the District believes the timing is right for fulfillment of the proposed expansion of the ALC.
- Currently, the ALC houses two programs: Our Alternative Learning High School program (drop-out recovery program) and our state-mandated District Alternative Education Program (also known as "DAEP").
- The bonds to pay for the proposed expansion are already sold and are part of \$4 million in unused construction bonds. This project would add no additional cost or debt to the District and would have no bearing on the I&S tax rate.
- We have been working with VLK, the architectural firm who made the original design of the ALC as well as many of our buildings across the District, to assist us in the continuation of the design for this project

### **Administrative Considerations:**

- Proposed expansion would add much needed space for both programs housed there.
- If expansion takes place, the building would also offer opportunities to house secondary summer school programs (gr. 6-12) which would also reduce energy costs in the summer.
- Leesa Vardeman from VLK will be here to make a design presentation.

**FISCAL NOTE:** The proposed expansion is to be paid for with 2008 bond money as discussed previously.

**Administrative Recommendation: Report – A recommendation will be made at the February 18, 2013 Board meeting to consider approval of this project**