

Approval for the Planned and 'Piloted' Programs For Popo and Lupe Gonzalez School for Young Children

February 9, 2010

SUMMARY:

There are three pilot programs and three regular programs for the Popo and Lupe Gonzalez School for Young Children that is being recommended for approval by the Gonzalez Pre-School Task Force.

These recommendations are the result of the Gonzalez Pre-School Task Force's numerous exploratory and informational meetings that were conducted during the past six months, along with research and visitations to other school districts in the North Texas area. These recommendations also includes the findings from parent surveys that were sent to elementary and pre-school parents, input from parent phone calls and data received from other informational meetings.

The Gonzalez Pre-School Task Force recommends the following programs be approved:

Regular pre-school programs:

- Pre-Kindergarten Program (½ day program)
 - o ESL/Bilingual Pre-Kindergarten Program (½ day program)
- PPCD – Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities

'Pilot' pre-school programs:

- Extend Pre-Kindergarten Program for three-year-olds (½ day program)
- Pre-School Academy – tuition based - for 3-year-olds/4-year-olds
- Extended School Day for Pre-School students

BOARD GOALS:

I. Vision ...

In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus

II. Teaching & Learning...

In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- expect full curriculum implementation on each campus by instructional leaders
- establish quality staff development programs and promote professional learning communities
- strive to deliver all academic programs through teachers possessing advanced degrees and demonstrable competence in their areas of professional responsibility
- stay abreast of and incorporate best practices into teaching, learning and leadership

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- The board received extensive information as workshop items at its Dec. 8 and Jan. 19 Board of Trustees meetings.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- The background information has been presented in detail on Dec. 8, Jan. 19 and Feb. 9.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: Budgetary issues were outlined Jan. 19

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The operational impact will be determined after early registrations are conducted in February and March and the regular registrations in April and possibly May.

