Executive Summary Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting June 24, 2014

Discussion of Instrument Usage Fee

Board Goal:

Growth, Change, and Fiscal Responsibility...In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- review and adjust policies and procedures as appropriate to address the challenges of rapid growth and changing demographic characteristics while maintaining and enhancing our strong sense of community
- demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

Purpose of Report

The purpose of the workshop is to provide an update on the status of the district's Instrument Usage Fee program and discuss the importance of keeping the district's instrument inventory in optimum playing condition.

Objectives

- To provide the board with a history of the district's Instrument Usage Fee program
- To present data showing revenue and expenditure for repairs to district owned instruments
- To offer information on repair costs and rationale for possible changes to the program

Operational Impact

An increase in the Instrument Usage Fee program will provide additional funding to offset the increasing costs in keeping district owned band and orchestra instruments in optimum playing condition. Approved changes in the fee structure for Fee Waiver students qualifying for free lunch status will require a change to board policy FP (LOCAL). Without approved changes to the fee structure, the data shows that continuing deficits will need to be covered by the school district.

Results

The board will have a greater understanding of the district's Instrument Usage Fee plan and the reasons for the increasing costs involved in properly maintaining the district's band and orchestra instrument inventory.

Other Options

The board could determine that the current fee structure is viable with more financial assistance from the district. The board could choose one of the three options presented to increase the required fees for students using school owned instruments.