



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: December 18, 2024 Superintendent: Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Ambur DeChenne

Type of Item: Informational Action

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

HECC grant application permission for the ASPIRE Capacity Building Grant. Request will be for \$14,000 to fund travel expenses, food, new furniture for college and careers room, activities/student enrichment, new technology, and a possible AC/heating unit.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Currently, the budget for the College and Careers room is at \$500 for the school year. This budget will allow us to take 1, possibly 2 trips throughout the year. The current budget does not adequately provided opportunities for students to discover career or postsecondary education paths. The college and careers rooms is also the only occupied room left in the building without an AC/heating unit; this, along with old and worn down furniture, negatively impacts the comfortable and welcoming environment.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Opportunities will be given to students to explore their college and career options by experiencing different campuses and expertise. New furniture and an AC unit will maintain the peaceful and comfortable environment of the college and career center. This helps makes the room welcoming for students who are not familiar or a great place for students to relax and discuss their future options. Being able to provide food or snacks is a great way to get students engaged in conversation. Likewise, by providing entertainment or activities students are more willing to interact with each other and the counselors in the room. This builds a trusting and safe environment for students to think and talk in. With new technology (iPads) we will have the ability to help complete applications and engage in future research with not only the students but parents as well. Having iPads designated to the room increases their longevity and ensures that we are able to help students understand college and career readiness.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

If the grant is not given, the College and Career room may have to rely on the school's (North Valley) activity funds for additional trips/activities.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No