



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: 12/3/2013

Agenda #                     

Staff/Administrator: Dennis Misner

Superintendent: Patricia Adams

Type of Item:       Informational       Action

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

We would like to apply for a 3 year Ford Foundation/Gear-Up grants for upto \$45,000 and a second Gear-Up "Priority Model" grant for the school years 2014-15 through 2019. The target group for this grant is our free and reduced lunch population for the purpose of support to get them to attend 2 and 4 year colleges.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal.**

Fleming and North Valley have been a Gear-Up funded school for 6 years. The grant expires at the end of this year. The focus of the grant has been to "create a college growing culture." Funds from Gear-Up have enabled us to offer college/career support to most of our students. The new grants will enable us to provide these essential support programs to extend college and career awareness to our disadvantaged students.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

We will be able to offer college visitations, advisement, encouragement and even financial support for students who are generally not planning to go to school beyond North Valley. A specific focus on skills programs at Community College and business internships will be funded.

**List possible disadvantages of your proposal:**

The college visitations and opportunities to mentor our students beyond the regular classes and student services guidance will disappear.

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

We could not apply for these funds, but we are an identified target school and we can make this opportunity available for 3 to 5 years in the near future.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes  No