

### MEETING DATE: December 17, 2012

#### **AGENDA ITEM: Superintendent Reports**

- A. Campus Enrollment Numbers
- B. District Events
- C. Education Foundation Update
- D. State Lawsuit Update
- E. Board Policy Review- Fall, 2013
- F. Make Education a Priority

## PRESENTER: Dan Manning

## ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY(S): ALL

#### **Report Information:**

A. Total Enrollment on Dec 10: 4,700

- Projections by campus:
  - Vandagriff ES: 508
  - Coder ES: 489
  - Stuard ES: 552
  - McCall ES: 514
  - McIS: 366
  - AMS: 763
  - Daniel 9<sup>th</sup>: 379
  - AHS: 1,130 (29 at Aledo Learning Center)

#### B. District Events/Accomplishments

1. Boys and Girls Basketball is well under way- Boys open District play Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at Wyatt; Girls opened District play last week. Both Boys and Girls will be playing in some exciting tournaments over the holidays.

- 2. AHS Band Christmas Concert- Thursday, Dec. 20th, 7 PM, AHS Auditorium
- 3. Christmas Party Dec. 12th great turnout
- 4. Christmas Holidays Dec. 24-Jan. 4, District will be closed

**C**. <u>Education Foundation Update</u>- First meeting for the formation of our Foundation was held Dec. 7th. Our formative committee's first task was to get all paperwork forms done and submitted including required IRS and state forms for non-profit organizations. The next meeting will be in January.

**D**. <u>State Lawsuit Update-</u> The school finance lawsuit trial is now in 6<sup>th</sup> week. Approximately two thirds of all Texas school districts are involved in the school finance litigation. In total, there are 611 public school districts representing over 3.4 million school children in the suit. The trial began on October 22, and December 4, was the end of the plaintiff's presentation of their case. That amounted to **23 days** of presentation from the four plaintiff groups (and one day for opening statements), spanning over 7 calendar weeks.

- According to one presented model, the cost of an adequate education in Texas in 2010-11 was \$43 billion, and when considering all the items that are not included in this model, the revised number would be \$46.8 billion, a \$3.7 billion difference in adequacy and actual spending in 2010-11, before the funding cuts were applied (and districts should be given allowance for enrichment above that at local discretion).
- Lynn Moak testified that an **additional \$1,000 per student** would be required for adequate funding, for a total of **\$5 billion more** on top of the restoration of the funding cuts from 2011.
- Various experts have testified that according to simple averages, the gaps between the wealthiest and least wealthy districts have widened since 2005.

**E.** <u>Board Policy Review- Fall, 2013-</u> Periodically, it is good practice for the Board to do a District policy review. This is an actual review of all Board policies so the Board can be adept on policy and to understand any needs for revisions. Our TASB policy rep will be available in Oct. 2013, at which time we will schedule this semi-annual review. Exact date will be set once we can schedule the TASB representative.

# F. Make Education a Priority Update-

83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Priority Meeting with area Superintendents and Board Presidents- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>- People from the following Districts attended: Aledo, Weatherford, Azle, Springtown, Brock, and Millsap. We developed a common set of legislative educational priorities for the upcoming session of the legislature.

## Additional information on Make Education a Priority can be found at

www.schoolpriority.com

## **FISCAL NOTE: None**

Administrative Recommendation: Report Only