11B. Report Date: March 10, 2008

SUBJECT: <u>BILINGUAL PROGRAM</u>

**BOARD GOAL:** All students will achieve educational excellence.

FISCAL NOTE: None

## **Background Information:**

- Purpose of the Bilingual Education (BE) Programs is to support academic achievement, the development of bilingualism, biliteracy and cross-cultural awareness.
- Keller ISD has two elementary schools and one intermediate school with Spanish speaking bilingual programs serving 286 students
- Keller ISD has one elementary school with a Vietnamese speaking bilingual program serving 26 students
- The Spanish speaking bilingual program follows a One-way Dual Language model
- The Vietnamese speaking bilingual program is new as of 2007-08 and is taught by one teacher

Respectfully submitted,

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