



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: **April 4, 2017**

TITLE: **Study/Approval of REACH Report**

BACKGROUND:

Governing Board members received a Friday Memo (dated February 17) regarding the REACH report and heard a presentation on the issues at the March 7, 2017 Board meeting. The memo and presentation provided an overview of the work completed by our REACH staff and potential financial impacts.

The Friday Memo and presentation also included a brief summary of the program review presented earlier to the Board by Dr. Roseanne Lopez. Major themes regarding the program (based on discussion, research, and the results of the parent, teacher, and student survey) were included.

After the School Operations review of the REACH report, there was a meeting with the REACH department chairs, Donna Shreve and Melanie Derksen. At that meeting, three priorities were developed. These were included in the last Board presentations. The three priorities are

- #1 Increase the amount of time at the elementary level and provide support for both classroom teachers utilizing the cluster model as well as support for the REACH students. Potential costs are approximately **\$171,461** for the additional 3.3 FTE to accomplish this. Included is Department Head release time for K-12 vertical articulation and attention to consistency issues.

- #2 Expand offerings to REACH students in the high school. There would be no immediate increase in High School FTE. Besides expenses associated with professional development for English classroom teachers utilizing the “whole class” or “cluster model” plus professional development for counselors, there are no other currently identified expenses. However, once the English class model is implemented, there will be additional requests for materials and possibly technology to serve the needs of gifted students.

- #3 Provide equipment, materials, and supplementals for middle school and elementary REACH classrooms. This cost includes technology, classroom sets of middle school history texts (which would require us to go through the Board’s policy related to selection of textbooks), and materials primarily for use in the elementary REACH program. The estimated costs for technology and texts for the middle school REACH program (not including licensing fees, taxes, and shipping expenses) would be **\$61,810**. The estimated costs for technology and materials for the elementary REACH programs would be **\$55,850** (not including licensing fees, taxes, and shipping expenses). **K-8 cost = \$117,660**

Both REACH department chairs will be present at the April 4th Board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board’s study/action.

INITIATED BY:



Monica Nelson, Associate Superintendent

Date: March 30, 2017



Patrick Nelson, Superintendent