



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: December 17, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Report-Proposed Additions to Aledo Learning Center

PRESENTERS: Dan Manning, Superintendent

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY(S): FINANCIAL/FACILITIES- the District shall exhibit excellence in financial and facility planning, management, and stewardship.

Background Information:

- In 2008, the taxpayers of Aledo ISD approved a bond package which included plans to expand the size of the Aledo Learning Center.
- Expansion was put on hold because of the slowdown in District growth over the last three years.
- Currently, the ALC houses two programs: Our Alternative Learning High School program (drop-out recovery program) and our state-mandated District Alternative Education Program (also known as “DAEP”).
- The bonds to pay for the proposed expansion are already sold and are part of \$4 million in unused construction bonds. This project would add no additional cost or debt to the District and would have no bearing on the I&S tax rate.

Administrative Considerations:

- With the phase-in of more rigorous testing requirements for our high school students, coupled with future growth coming back into play, the District believes the timing is right for fulfillment of the proposed expansion of the ALC.
- Administration has held preliminary meetings with VLK Architects to look at the District’s needs and how to best design and utilize additional space.
- Proposed expansion would add an entire wing to the north side of the current building, adding 3 classrooms and a large flexible open area for student work stations. This would help our learning center program to handle anticipated growth over the next 10-15 years.
- Expansion would also add 3 additional classrooms to the south side of the building to enlarge the available space for our DAEP.
- Plans also include an outdoor learning area including tables and possible basketball goal and hardtop.
- If expansion takes place, the building would also offer opportunities to house secondary summer school programs (gr. 6-12) which would also reduce energy costs in the summer.

FISCAL NOTE: The proposed expansion is projected to cost approximately \$2.5 million, paid for with 2008 bond money, **at no additional cost to our taxpayers.**

Administrative Recommendation: Report – A recommendation will be made at the January, 2013 Board meeting to consider approval of this project