



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

12B. _____ Report

Date: May 9, 2005

SUBJECT: LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING STUDENT PROPOSAL

BOARD GOAL: Academic Excellence

FISCAL NOTE: None

Background Information:

- There are over 700 students in Keller ISD who have been identified as Limited English Speaking Students(LEP)
- The LEP students are bused to specific campuses for instruction:
 - Elementary LEP students are transported to 10 elementary schools.
 - Intermediate LEP students are transported to Chisholm Trail Intermediate School.
 - Middle School Students are transported to Fossil Hill Middle School.
 - High School LEP students are transported to Fossil Ridge High School.
- Thirteen campuses do not serve their home school LEP students.
- The cost for transporting students on buses is approximately \$138,000 per school year.
- Cluster grouping of the LEP students met the needs of the district when the LEP populations and the district were much smaller.
- Approximately 100 students do not receive LEP services due to parents denying services at another campus.

Administrative Considerations:

- After reviewing the data on LEP students and services, the curriculum and instruction staff has been working with campus principals to better serve LEP students on their home campus.
- Principals have developed a list of advantages and the necessary resources/support to provide instruction on the home campus.
- Some of the advantages of providing instruction for LEP students on the home campus include equity for all campuses for LEP students, promotion of diversity and multiculturalism, LEP parent involvement, appropriate feeder pattern for students, student involvement on the home campus, the best situation for students, less time traveling on buses, and reduction in the cost of transporting students.
- The staff is currently evaluating space on each campus, availability of ESL teacher units, and development of a timeline to notify teachers, parents, and students.

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Respectfully submitted,

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