



7-11 Committee Status & Progress Update

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Background



- November 4, 2010
 - Board adopted Criteria and Process for School Consolidation and Closure
 - Board Adopted Time Line



Background



- Process for Considering School Consolidation and Closure
 - Committee to prepare recommendations based upon criteria established by the Board
 - Advisory report to the Superintendent and to the Board
 - Board will evaluate report, Superintendent's comments, and public comments before making final decision



Background



- Process for Considering School Consolidation and Closure
 - Superintendent will notify principals/committee of possible consolidation and closure
 - Superintendent will meet with principals/committee to review the documentation in support of the proposed consolidation and closure
 - Superintendent will provide a report to Board



Background



- Process for Considering School Consolidation and Closure
 - Board may consider impact of multiple closures in one area as a part of the decision making process
 - Board reserves the right to accept, reject, or modify the recommendations
 - Upon Board's determination that school will be consolidated or closed, the principal working with the Superintendent will determine the measures necessary to effect the transition resulting from consolidation or closure



Background



- Community Involvement
 - Notice to School Site Council, the Parent Advisory Council, the school staff and students
 - Provide opportunity for written responses
 - Notes to parents/guardians sent home with students
 - At least one community meeting in the effected Trustee area which shall be advertised on the District website and through a Connect Ed message. Where practical hold the meeting at the school being considered for closure



Timeline



- May & June, 2011
 - Identification of maximum number of seats that could be eliminated
- August & September, 2011
 - Evaluation of all schools against the criteria; generate initial list of school recommended for consolidation and closure
- October & November, 2011
 - Revision of closure and consolidation list based upon community feedback



Timeline



- December, 2011
 - Finalized list of school and multi-year closure schedule presented for Board action
- January through September, 2012
 - Implementation Phase
 - Student assignments
 - Staff re-assignment
 - Use of facilities



Progress To Date



- Committee Meetings
 - 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Serna Center – Indiana Room
 - April 25th ✓
 - May 9th & 23rd ✓
 - June 6th and 20th ✓
 - July 11th & 18th ✓
 - July 25th
 - August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th



Progress To Date



- Committee members have . . .
 - Selected a committee chairperson
 - Reviewed Committee Purpose and Goals
 - Received Phase 1 criteria analysis of all schools
 - Received Phase 2 criteria analysis of lowest ranking schools
 - Received informational presentation from Lt. Kathy Lester SPD related to school safety and safe routes to school
 - Received informational presentation from Chuck Ernst, Director Transportation Services regarding bus routes and student head counts



Committee Future Work



- Finalize recommendations for school consolidation and closure at . . .
 - Elementary School Sites
 - Middle School Sites
 - High School Sites
- Prepare Advisory Report to Superintendent and Board (Anticipated Completion: 8/29/11)
- Board & Superintendent receive Advisory Report (September 15, 2011)