

FACILITIES
PLANNING/IMPLEMENTATION
MATRIX

***Full Utilization of Bear Flag and
Caroline Wenzel Schools***

March 20, 2007
Board Meeting

Educational Program Design

- Declining enrollment at both schools in past five (5) years
 - Bear Flag – 51%
 - Caroline Wenzel – 11%
- Reasons for decline:
 - Changing demographics
 - Cost of housing
 - Child care
 - Opportunities in other communities

Educational Program Design

Blending schools allows enriched program offerings for students.

Caroline Wenzel

- Computer Labs
- Literacy Program
- 4th R
- Special Ed: RSP
Communicative
Disabled

Bear Flag

- Keyboard Lab
- Parent Participation Pre-school
- Head Start
- Subsidized Day Care
- Special Ed: RSP, one Autistic, and one Developmentally Disabled

Facilities Design

- Caroline Wenzel building capacity is **528** students
- 2007-08 Projected Student Enrollment
 - Special Education 51 students
 - Caroline Wenzel 252 students
 - Bear Flag 127 students
 - Total Projected Enrollment **430** students
- Current students on permit can be accommodated

Community Engagement Strategy

- **Community Meetings at sites to discuss campus re-alignment proposals and receive input from all stakeholders**
 - **February 5, 2007 – Bear Flag**
 - **February 6, 2007 – Caroline Wenzel**
 - **February 13, 2007 – Bear Flag**
 - **February 27, 2007 – Bear Flag**
- **Reports to Board of Education**
 - **February 15, March 1, March 15**

Fiscal Considerations

Current cost to district due to under-utilization

- Bear Flag \$282,047
- Caroline Wenzel \$112,296
- Cost comparison of small charter high schools and small elementary schools
 - District Revenue Limit (2007-08) \$5,754
 - Charter General Purpose Block Grant 9-12 \$6,737

Fiscal Considerations

Provides opportunity:

- Allows for richer, enhanced opportunities for elementary students by blending programs
- Enhanced opportunities for the community such as Head Start and Adult Education
- Opportunity for public-private partnerships to provide affordable child care

Recommendation

Blend Bear Flag and Caroline Wenzel Elementary Schools at Caroline Wenzel to open September, 2007.