

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

March 25, 2025

SUBJECT:

Consideration to Fund Middle School Extended Learning in 2025 – 2026

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Among the Administration's highest budget priorities for the 2025 – 2026 school year is implementation of extended learning at the middle school level. Extended learning, in an effort to improve math and ELA performance, would increase math and ELA to 90-minute blocks.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Similar to past instances where the Administration has sought approval in advance of the First Reading of the budget, the Administration requests Board pre-approval to begin hiring the additional teachers needed to staff an extended learning schedule. A delay, with the next regularly scheduled Board meeting not held until April 22, 2025, could prevent the District from hiring the additional teachers required to staff an extended learning schedule. The estimated cost of \$1,180,000 would be built into the 2025 – 2026 budget and reflects the net cost of 16 FTE teachers in combination with elimination of lab aide positions.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve funding for middle school extending learning for 2025 – 2026, allowing the District to begin the advertising and hiring process.

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