

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

August 27, 2013

SUBJECT:

Request for Additional Homebound Teacher

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The need for an additional full-time homebound teacher has increased as the number of homebound students continues to rise.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The District has seen a steady increase in the number of homebound students. In the last three years alone, the number of students served has grown from 650 to 830. The addition of one homebound teacher was included among the highest priorities during the 2013 – 2014 budget process but was ultimately not approved due to financial constraints. The Administration requests that the Board reconsider adding a full-time 200 day homebound teacher at this time.

Homebound students must be served regardless of whether the new position is added or not. The new position would perform duties that would otherwise be covered by teachers who would receive extra duty pay of at least \$25 per hour. A significant portion of the cost of the new position would be offset by savings in extra duty pay plus fringe. Available EIA dollars would be flexed to cover the net additional cost of adding the position.

Additionally the health issues of many of our homebound students require they receive services during the morning or early afternoon. Providing another full time homebound teacher would allow us to accommodate these students' health needs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the addition of a full-time, 200 day homebound teacher.

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