

**ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME AT
WELLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve the establishment of an IB Middle Years Programme at Wells Elementary school.

Description: Effective July 1, 2013, Wells Elementary will begin application for candidacy to be able to offer the International Baccalaureate Programme to students in grades 6-8.

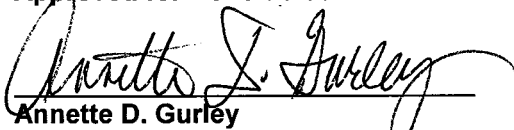
CURRICULUM: Wells Elementary will provide students with an internationally focused education beginning at the kindergarten level culminating with entry into the Middle Years Programme from grades 6 – 8. The IB MYP provides students with academically challenging and balanced program that requires study across a broad range of subjects, and gives special emphasis to primary and secondary language acquisition. The program will equip students with the skills to learn and acquire knowledge, individually or collaboratively, and to apply these skills and knowledge accordingly across all subject areas.

LSC Review: Not applicable

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: A total of 9 teaching positions will be closed at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Educational support personnel positions will not be affected. Nine new teaching positions programmed as International Baccalaureate teacher-in-training positions will be opened for the 2014-2015 school year and filled through the Board's job posting procedures.

FINANCIAL: \$255,000 for Department of Magnet, Gifted, and Talented to fund approved IB training for school staff, administration and fees associated with authorization. Projected costs also include 2 Magnet, Gifted, and Talented funded teaching positions designated as an IB coordinator and world language instructor starting in the fall of 2013.

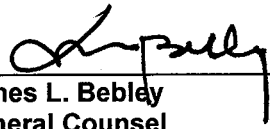
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