

CHANGE THE EDUCATIONAL FOCUS BY EXPANDING THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME SCHOOLWIDE AT HELEN C. PEIRCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board approve a change of education focus by expanding the International Baccalaureate (IB) at Helen C. Peirce Elementary School (Peirce).

DESCRIPTION: Effective July 1, 2014, Peirce will begin application for candidacy to be able to offer the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) to students in grades PreK - 5. Peirce will thus offer the IB curriculum and framework for all students in all grade levels.

ENROLLMENT: Students residing within Peirce's attendance boundary are entitled to attend Peirce, as well as students admitted through the Options for Knowledge process.

CURRICULUM: Peirce Elementary currently has an IB Middle Years Program. An IB PYP at Peirce will provide students with an internationally-focused education beginning with PreK students through 8th grade. The IB PYP focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer both in the classroom and in the world outside. Students focus on 6 transdisciplinary themes of global significance explored through a balanced, inquiry based course of study. The program will equip students with the skills to learn and acquire knowledge, individually and collaboratively, and to apply these skills and knowledge accordingly across all subject areas.

LSC REVIEW: Not applicable

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: The Board will open new teaching positions programmed as International Baccalaureate teacher in training positions and staffed by qualified teachers. Board representatives will discuss and attempt to resolve any impacts on current teaching staff with the teachers' bargaining representative. Educational Support Personnel positions will be unaffected.

FINANCIAL: An increase to the Department of Magnet, Gifted, and Talented budget in the amount \$280,000 is necessary 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 2014.

Approved for Consideration:



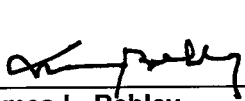
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