

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE: Board Resolution 11-2477; October 26, 2011

*Establishment by August 2013 of **Kaiser Elementary** and **Burckhalter Elementary** schools within facilities located either at their current location or an alternate suitable location that will allow for the continued growth of each school's enrollment up to at least 380 students.*

- District staff will facilitate a process to evaluate the viability of options to achieve the aforementioned goal; which shall include the engagement each school's staff and parent community as well as notice and engagement of local community in which each school is situated.*
- A progress report on the proposed plans for the establishment of Kaiser Elementary and Burckhalter Elementary in the aforementioned facilities will be provided by District staff to the Board of Education by the Superintendent not later than March 1, 2012.*
- A final report on the intended facility plan for each school will be provided by District Staff to the Board of Education by the Superintendent not later than February 1, 2013.*

Kaiser Elementary

Engagement with school community initiated in February, 2012.

To date:

Conducted two small group meetings; 2/15/12, 3/15/12
Conducted one large community meeting: 3/8/12

Focus:

Establishing trust
Common understanding regarding Board Resolution expectations.
Defining process and timeline for generating proposals for expansion of the Kaiser program.
Understanding school and central office perspectives regarding priorities for a viable expansion proposal.

Progress to date:

Representatives of the school community, including parents and teaching staff have expressed a deep commitment to the Kaiser school program and a desire to remain at their current location. Representatives have communicated that they view a relocation as detrimental to the future of their program. District staff have established an ongoing meeting structure with a committee of Kaiser Elementary representatives that is meeting approximately every three weeks in order to receive input and engagement around the expansion planning process.

Next Steps:

- Develop and evaluate proposals for expansion by 2013 at the current location and/or at an alternate location.
- Final proposals will be submitted to the Superintendent's cabinet for review by the Quality Community Schools Development department, in collaboration with the Region One Network Office and the Facilities Department.
- Proposed Date for Superintendent Recommendations to the Board of Education is December, 2012.

Burckhalter Elementary

Engagement with school community initiated in December, 2012.

To date:

Monthly Staff Meetings facilitated by site administrators

Conducted eight logistical planning meetings;

- Site Principals
- Facilities
- HR
- Regional Office
- Special Education
- Student Transitions

Conducted two large community meetings facilitated by site staff and leadership:

@ Lakeview; December, 2011

@ Burckhalter; March, 2012

Focus:

Implementation of proposal developed by site leadership and representative staff of Lakeview Elementary and Burckhalter Elementary initiating a merger of the two school programs into a single school program to be located at the Burckhalter Elementary campus beginning, Fall, 2012.

Projected enrollment for 2012-13: **322** students. An increase of approximately 146 students.

Additional facility space is being provided within a footprint that previously hosted portable classrooms on the Burckhalter campus. This additional space will allow for continued enrollment growth of the program over time.

Progress to date:

Approximately 80 students have been assigned to Burckhalter through the student transition support process from Lakeview Elementary. These assignments represent predominantly first choice placements for families, acknowledging that for many their first choice would have been to remain at their current school location.

Based on a multi-year relationship between the Lakeview and Burckhalter school communities that has included shared, collaborative professional development and shared programming, the current proposal includes developing a single program that includes many attributes familiar to both school communities.

Established co-leadership model with current Lakeview and Burckhalter principals for the 2012-13 school year.

Established transportation option for one year through Ujimaa Foundation to support up to 30 students traveling from Lakeview Elementary campus to Burckhalter campus daily.

Next Steps:

- Continue Implementation planning
- Continue supporting engagement efforts between school communities and local community
- Coordinate facilities related changes
- Coordinate staffing related changes
- Coordinate programs and services related changes