

Follow up information requested by SUSD Governing Board related to SUSD Assessment Committee Recommendation for 2015-16

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March 24, 2015 Recommendation to Board:

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Variables Influencing Committee Recommendation:

- ❖ *More time for the state to finalize the current AzMerit test and school accountability*
- ❖ *Fiscal responsibility to avoid spending money on a program that may or may not support our needs and state regulations*
- ❖ *SUSD to remain in compliance with state and federal mandates (Move on When Reading, Teacher Classification, Student Growth, etc...)*
- ❖ *More time for research about assessment and options.*
- ❖ *More time to gather feedback, so we can be most thoughtful in making recommendations.*

Board requested 2 additional pieces of information:

1. Status of HB 2246 Statewide assessments; parental opt out
2. Price per student for ATI contract. Can it be reduced in 2015-16 if we use less of the product?

Parental opt out of state assessment

Q1. Status of HB 2246, parental opt out of state assessment

Failed on March 31, 2015.

ATI Pricing

Q2. Can the \$8 per student fee charged by ATI, SUSD current assessment vendor, be reduced for 2015-16?

No. The fee has not changed in 12 years, and includes all services provided by ATI. There is no price reduction for reduced useage, or increase for additional features.

Action requested

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Discussion