

The Board Brief

This edition of *The Board Brief* is a summary of the actions taken at the Board of Education's Called Board Meeting on September 8, 2016.

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Actions Taken

Raiders United Initiative Could Benefit East Macon Community, Schools

On Thursday, September 8, Board members authorized the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United Way of Central Georgia to apply for a federal grant that would benefit the Northeast Zone. The purpose of the grant is to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children in one of Bibb's communities/school zones. The local initiative has been named Raiders United, and the deadline for submission is September 16, 2016.

The vision of the federal grant, named Promise Neighborhoods, is to ensure all children growing up in the selected neighborhoods have access to great schools and a strong system of family and community support, which will result in a successful transition to college and career. After diligent research, the United Way of Central Georgia decided this grant opportunity would focus on the Northeast Zone.

As part of the grant process, the applicant (United Way of Central Georgia) must demonstrate that it has established a commitment from one or more entities in the public or private sector to provide matching funds. An applicant must obtain matching funds or in-kind donations equal to at least 100 percent of its grant award. The District would not be putting forth any additional funding toward this grant or grant application. To clarify, an example of how this grant could be implemented with a "match" from the District could include the grant application being written to provide federal funding for an additional counselor at each of the Northeast Zone schools; this would "match" what the District is already providing with additional support at these schools that the District might not be able to fund. Another example of how this grant could benefit the Northeast Zone schools includes implementing a healthcare facility for students and community members at one or more of the schools, similar to the healthcare facility located at Ingram-Pye Elementary School.