

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: June 20, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-06-(2)-18

ACTION ITEM (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: Student Reassignment Study Board Subcommittee Report #1

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. For Orange County Schools Year-Round School Discussion (HANDOUT).

PURPOSE: To allow the Board of Education the opportunity to receive a report from the Student Reassignment Study Board Sub-Committee and further discuss the student reassignment process.

BACKGROUND: On May 2, 2011, the Superintendent recommended the BOE establish a sub-committee to study various options which may impact the student reassignment process. The Board approved this recommendation and the Board chair appointed the following Board members to this sub-committee: Tony McKnight, Stephen Halkiotis, Debbie Piscitelli.

On June 3, 2011, the Student Reassignment Study Board Sub-Committee met, along with the Superintendent, Dr. McFarley, Dr. Morton, and Jeff Tsai (Director of the Operations Research and Education Laboratory). Jeff Tsai presented information related to capacity in multi-track year round schools. In addition to year round options, the committee also discussed magnet school programming, types of magnet schools, the impact of small adjustments to attendance boundaries and school restructuring.

ATTACHMENT 1 contains several other ideas the sub-committee discussed as it pertains to multi-track year-round structure for Cameron Park Elementary.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education receive a report from the Student Reassignment Study Board Subcommittee and further discuss the student reassignment process.

For Orange County Schools Year-Round School Discussion

Single Track Year-Round Elementary School

- Spreading the traditional 180 school days to four 45-day segments with 15 days of break in between
- The single track Year-Round school does not increase building capacity
- The operating cost of the single track Year-Round elementary school is equivalent to a traditional calendar elementary school

Multi-Track Year-Round Elementary School

- Students rotate in and out of school at roughly 45-day intervals with 15-day break (45/15). There can be as many as four tracks; three tracks on and one track off
- Ideally the MTYR should increase capacity by 25% since 25% of the students are off track. However due to allowance for track selections, track 1 and 4 are favored over track 2 and 3
- Realistically, the MTYR school increases building capacity by 15% to 30% depending on the existing teaching stations. Larger the school capacity higher the capacity increase potential
- Multi-Track YR school may not eliminate all mobile classrooms
- The difference in operating cost of a Multi-Track YR school and a traditional school is not clear. One LEA says the *per student energy cost* for TR school is 17% higher than YR school. This value is calculated using number of students in the building
- School transportation costs likely be higher; bus routes do not change with track changes
- Increase in staffing costs? Will some of the 9-month non-instructional employees (ex: media center specialist) be working 12 month?
- Higher building cooling cost during the summer months?

Orange County Schools should consider:

- Will the capacity increase for Cameron Park by turning into MTYR meet the forecasted student population growth? In other words, what is the shelf life of this approach?
- Need to have an optional traditional school for parents who opt-out YR Cameron Park
- Should this approach coupled with addressing Central's underutilization? How?
- Is magnet school a viable option to increase Central's population? At what cost and how to estimate impacts to other schools?
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Example of a Multi-Track YR Elementary School:

School Name	KI	1	2	3	4	5
OLIVE CHAPEL ELEMENTARY	144	150	186	181	163	145
						Sum 969

	# of Classes						Distribution by Track
	KI	1	2	3	4	5	
Track 1	2	2	3	3	2	2	32%
Track 2	1	1	2	2	1	1	18%
Track 3	2	2	2	2	1	1	23%
Track 4	2	2	2	2	2	2	27%



WAKE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

45/15 Multi-Track Schedule

2010-2011 YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL CALENDAR

