

Program Realignment and School Consolidations April 6, 2010

Budget Situation

Twin Rivers has suffered a 20% reduction in State education funding:

- Down \$39 million this year
- Another \$36 million is expected to be cut next year
- \$1,500 less per student than expected

Consolidation Background

In response to a drastic budget situation, declining area enrollments, and the realignment opportunity unification has provided, the Twin Rivers Board approved:

- Multi-year realignment and consolidation plan
- Goal of saving \$1.6 million through re-purposing at least 4 schools by 2011-2012 and an additional \$800,000 through re-purposing at least 2 schools by 2012-2013
- Plan is neighborhood-driven and improves learning environments while preserving precious educational resources

Community and Staff Engagement

Since the four-month Facility Advisory Process and engagement period, three levels of advisory groups have been meeting to provide implementation recommendations:

- Four Neighborhood Network Councils - Provides recommendations and advice about curriculum realignment and school consolidation and includes representation from each school at a variety of levels to ensure concerns, ideas, and perceptions are understood
- Realignment and Consolidation Team- Provides expertise and oversight for planning and implementation of the realignment and consolidation process between our four neighborhood networks
- Superintendent's Advisory Committee - Recognized community leaders representing the rich diversity of Twin Rivers provide valuable input about community perceptions and advice about curriculum realignment and school consolidation process.

Plan Progress

Advisory Councils in four areas have started meeting:

- Two neighborhood areas have made recommendations for earlier school closures
- Earlier savings will improve district budget, improve programs sooner, and minimize transitions for students and staff
- Recommendations for grade level realignments and programs include K-8, K-4 & 5-8, K-5 & 6-8, K-6 & 7-8 options
- More options available to families than before process began
- Additional programs will help Twin Rivers improve academic success and capture and retain additional student enrollment

Next Steps

- The board approved the initial recommendations on April 6, 2010
- Additional recommendations will be provided to the board as the advisory councils at all levels continue to meet and discuss options
- School site leadership will be working with the Communications Department to ensure families are aware of changes and options in a timely manner, including school level meetings and communications.

Recommendations to Date

(Changes to be implemented at the start of the 2010-2011 school year. Additional recommendations will be communicated as advisory councils at all levels continue to meet and discuss options)

- Blend Aero Haven Elementary and Madison Elementary into a new school for the 2010-2011 school year. Principal Karen Snyder will be the principal at the new school located on the Madison campus.
- Create a network of K-6 and K-8 campuses in North Highlands. Boundary options to be provided at school level meetings. The K-8 schools include F. C. Joyce, Kohler, Village, and Ridgepoint.
- Highlands Academy becomes the new Highlands High school, transitioning back to a 9-12 campus
 - Adds new engineering programs and staff
- Creative Connections Arts Academy becomes K-6, 7-10 students start new campus and build to 12th grade over time
- Strauch Elementary becomes a K-5 campus and feeds into Rio Tierra, which becomes a 6-8 campus
- Rio Linda Junior High School becomes new school in 2010-2011
 - 5th through 8th grade -new program, staff
 - Name to be determined
- Dry Creek Elementary becomes a K-4 school next year
 - 5th and 6th grade students attend new school
- Rio Linda Elementary campus consolidates before 2010-2011
 - Students will attend Dry Creek K-4 or the new 5-8 school
- Orchard Elementary grows from a K-6 to a K-8 school
- Regency Park becomes K-5 campus feeding to Norwood 6-8 program
- Pioneer Elementary grows from a K-6 to a K-8 school
- Oakdale Elementary grows from a K-6 to a K-8 school
- Consider Allison Elementary for future consolidations in 2011-2012 if needed