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SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

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| Title: | Soldotna Area Schools Reconfiguration | | |
| Date: | March 27, 2013 | Item Number: | Worksession & 11c. |
| Administrator: | Sean Dusek, Assistant Superintendent <i>Sean Dusek</i> Through Steve Atwater, Superintendent <i>Steve Atwater</i> | | |
| Attachments: | | | |

Action Needed **For Discussion** **Information** **Other:** _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On April 1, 2013, the Board will have another worksession to discuss the reconfiguration of Soldotna area secondary schools. More information has been gathered from the State regarding prior conversations that needs to be brought forward. The overall recommendation from the administration also needs to be discussed.

The Board conducted a worksession on this topic on March 4, 2013 and October 15, 2012. The Soldotna area school administrators have been meeting since the fall of 2011 to discuss possible reconfiguration scenarios in anticipation of continued declining enrollment that has negatively impacted student opportunities. The conversations have included a multiple site council discussions at all schools, multiple staff discussions at all schools, two community meetings at each school, a community wide survey that had nearly 1000 participants, two focus group meetings that included Soldotna area elementary school teachers and a cross section of Soldotna area community and business members.

This topic has created a lot of conversation throughout the community and it is the belief of the administrative work group and the District administration that a strong majority believe reconfiguration is necessary to continue to provide quality opportunities for Soldotna area students at the secondary level.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The KPBSD administration recommends that the KPBSD Board of Education approve the concept of reconfiguring the Soldotna area high schools to one high school with grades 10-12 that will be located at the current Soldotna High School and to be opened in the Fall of 2015.

The KPBSD administration further recommends that the KPBSD Board of Education approve the concept of reconfiguring the current Skyview High School and Soldotna Middle School. The final reconfiguration will come before the board in the Fall of 2014 due to the need to further study options that best meet the needs of the Soldotna area students.