


SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION

Title:	Recommended Placement of Grades 7-9 in Soldotna Area Schools		
Date:	May 22, 2013	Item Number:	10e.
Administrator:	Steve Atwater, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools		
Attachments:			

Action Needed
 For Discussion
 Information
 Other: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In April you approved placing the Soldotna area grades 10-12 at one high school (current Soldotna High School). In May the Administration informed you that this change will be effective August 2014. Since then the District has continued to discuss with Soldotna area stakeholders the placement of grades 7-9.

Two options for the placement of these students were presented. The first option places all 9th grade students at the existing Soldotna Middle School. To do so would require the District to establish a separate high school in this building for 9th grade students. This needs to be done to fulfill the funding requirements of the state. In this option all 7-8 grade students would be housed at the existing Skyview High School. Also, River City Academy would move to the existing Soldotna Middle School. The second option places the in-town 7-9 grade students at Soldotna Middle and the out-of-town 7-9 grade students at Skyview HS. River City would remain at Skyview under option 2.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The District Administration recommends that effective August, 2014 Soldotna area 9th grade students will be housed at the existing Soldotna Middle School and the Soldotna area 7-8th grade students will be housed at the existing Skyview High School. Further, it is recommended that River City Academy move to the existing Soldotna Middle School in August 2014.