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**Board Priority/Goal**

Student Success

**Objective**

To give the Board an update on the formation and schedule of the Elementary School Size Committee.

**Background**

In 2017-2018, the District convened a Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) to make recommendations of solutions to the District’s structural deficit. The primary drivers of the deficit were and continue to be 1) declining enrollment due to lower birth rate in Marin County, 2) increased state imposed contributions to employee retirement systems (STRS/PERS), and slowing state revenues as the State reaches “full funding” of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).

The BAC made recommendations for budget reductions, along with two additional recommendations for work to be performed in 2018-2019. One of the additional recommendations was for the District to form an Elementary School Size Committee to determine if the elementary school size is ideal fiscally and educationally. The recommendation is related to the significant decrease of elementary enrollment in the District of approximately 500 students over the last five years. The Board approved for the District to move forward with the committee on February 13, 2018.

The committee will include approximately 20 parents, teachers, classified staff, and administrators. The committee includes representatives from NFT and CSEA and we are finalizing representation from all sites. Suzanne Speck, from School Services of California, will be facilitating the process. The committee is scheduled to meet:

- October 22, 2018
- November 28, 2018
- December 17, 2018
- January 31, 2019

The committee’s recommendations will be brought to the Board in February of 2019. Depending on the recommendations and Board action, the committee may be brought back together to help implement the recommendations.