


LUCIA MAR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA #2

Date: February 5, 2019

To: Board of Education

From:  Andy Stenson
Superintendent

Subject: Report, Lange Elementary School Classroom Expansion

Background:

Lange Elementary School, constructed in 2005, is experiencing short term and long term classroom capacity challenges. While Lucia Mar is experiencing declining enrollment, Lange is one of a few schools that has actually seen an increase in student population in recent history:

School Year:	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
Student Count:	589	563	558	557	565

In addition to these increases, classroom space was further impacted by other key factors:

- 24:1 Student to Teacher Ratios in Grades TK-3
- The addition of a Transitional Kindergarten Program in the 2017/18 School Year
- Growth in Interventions and Intervention Teachers through Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Adoption
- Increases in Special Education Population and Related Services

While these additions are welcome, necessary, and beneficial to the site, they create pressure on classroom space. Staff considered placing two portable classrooms on the site as a short term measure, but such moves create long term challenges as they age and reach end-of-life. District staff also contemplated modular classrooms for the campus, but given the clean architectural design and overall pleasing aesthetic appearance of this site, staff believes it is worth the added cost and time associated with stick-built construction over modular in this case.

As an added bonus, the State of California has proposed additional match money to construct new facilities to accommodate early childhood education. Lange was originally constructed with two dedicated Kindergarten classrooms, and now has one Transitional Kindergarten classroom and three Kindergarten classrooms. Ideally, but not technically required by law, Kindergarten classrooms should have immediate or close access to a restroom.

District staff has conducted an early needs assessment, and is working with an architect on initial design concepts of a two Kindergarten classroom building with a shared student restroom. At a future Board of Education meeting, staff will be prepared to bring an architectural and design proposal forward for consideration.

Finally, while demographers have clearly proven to be less-than-accurate in their assessment of future growth/declines in Lucia Mar enrollment, the most recent student enrollment projections report indicates that we will have 607 students at Lange Elementary in the 2022/23 school year.

Recommendation:

None at this time. Report Only.

Fiscal Impact:

Not applicable to this item.

Board Goal:

Student and Staff Success

Attachment:

None

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