

LAKE HAVASU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: APPROVAL OF FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN DURING SCHOOL YEAR 2012-13

SUBMITTED BY: Missy Wood, Director of Business Services
Gail Malay, Superintendent

DATE FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: February 14, 2012

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Governing Board approve a full day program for all district kindergarten students during the 2012-13 school year, with no tuition due.

RATIONALE:

The State currently funds school districts, through maintenance and operations, for a half day kindergarten program.

Revenue sources other than maintenance and operations funds have been generated and are available to fund full day kindergarten during the 2012-13 school year. These sources include tax credit, community school donations and Title One funds at eligible schools.

It is estimated the full day kindergarten program will cost about \$700,000, for approximately 16-18 teachers. Revenues to fund the program are listed above.

Arizona has passed legislation called "move on when reading". Full day Kindergarten is critical to establishing a solid foundation for early literacy.

Full day Kindergarten students have more time and opportunity for learning. The expectations for all students are increasing and an early full day experience helps students to meet those expectations.

Approved for Transmittal to Governing Board


Superintendent