

**B. CONFERENCE/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**B-12, Feeder Progression Changes for the 2014/15 School Year to Open Gaston Middle School; Modify King from K-4 to K-6; and Modify Lawless from K-8 to K-6**

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APPROVED, as recommended, the feeder progression changes to be implemented in August 2014 for the 2014/15 school year consistent with, and to further implement, the Facilities Master Plan approved by the Board in 2009. Proposed changes are detailed below:

- 1) Change the feeder progression for students in the Addams, Columbia, King, Kirk and Lincoln elementary attendance areas. These areas currently feed to Fort Miller, Scandinavian, Tioga, and Wawona and need to be adjusted to feed to Gaston Middle School when it opens in August 2014. Since 1978, students in southwest Fresno have not had a comprehensive neighborhood middle school and the students have been transported to middle schools in other parts of the district. Approval of these feeder changes will formalize the elementary to middle to high school progression for the Edison High School region.
- 2) Modify the grade span for King from K-4 to K-6 consistent with the Facilities Master Plan.
- 3) Modify the grade span for Lawless from K-8 to K-6, consistent with the Facilities Master Plan and to provide the middle students within the Lawless attendance area access to the benefits of middle school redesign and a more robust middle school program. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Lawless area will continue to feed to Tenaya Middle School; there will no longer be the option to remain at Lawless for middle school.

Families impacted by the changes will be notified by mailings home in addition to continued communication directly from site principals. The recommended action has no direct financial impact.

Assistant Superintendent Temple provided the members of the Board with the Feeder Progression Changes for the 2014/15 School Year to Open Gaston Middle School; Modify King from K-4 to K-6; and Modify Lawless from K-8 to K-6. The presentation covered the following:

Public speaker:

- Robert Mitchell Sr. supports the recommendations to bring everything into conclusion.

Comments by Board: Mills, Ryan, Johnson, Chavez, Asadoorian, De La Cerda,

**Member Asadoorian** – Asked how many 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Wawona from Adams and is the projection for next year?

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**Superintendent Hanson** - commented that staff will work through the challenges through January on the projections for the next school year.

**Member De La Cerda** – commented on how happy he is to finally see this middle school become a reality.

**President Davis** questioned the timeline for selecting their choice school.

**Member Johnson** moved for approval, **Member Mills** seconded, motion carried 7-0-2 vote. Student Member Holton stepped away and Miracle absent.