



Meeting of  
May 26, 2009  
FOR: ACTION

CENTRAL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATION FOR THE NEW MEASURE B  
HIGH SCHOOL

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**Background Information:**

A new high school is planned for design and construction at the northeast corner of Grantland and Ashlan Avenues. Measure B, passed in November 2008, will provide approximately 50% of the necessary funding, with the remainder coming from State school facility bond funds.

An architectural team, S.I.M./Perkins+Will, have been selected to design and oversee contract administration in liaison with District staff through completion of the project. Completion is tentatively scheduled for August 2012.

The first task the design team must undertake is to work with District Administration to facilitate the writing and adoption of an Educational Specification (Ed Spec). An Ed Spec is a document which ultimately defines educational goals and priorities, in narrative form after extensive stakeholder input, to provide a roadmap from which the architectural team can develop construct plans and specifications. It ultimately dictates the number and type of classrooms, co-curricular facilities, parking circulation and program for the site, and guides the architectural team to design facilities to accommodate those attributes.

**Current Considerations:**

Administration and the architectural team provided an overview of the attached draft Ed Spec. The team discussed process, content, and next steps should the document receive Board approval. The scheduled completion of the construction project is predicated on approval of the Ed Spec and commencement of design in May 2009. The Board will appoint member representatives to serve as liaisons to participate in the design process. The next immediate step will be for the Facilities Department to organize site tours to explore design concepts.

**Financial Implications:**

The design portion of the high school project is being funded by Measure B. Once approved by the State, all expenditures will be reimbursed from a 2010 State facility bond at a 50% rate.

**Recommendation:**

Administration respectfully requests approval of the Educational Specification for the new Measure B High School as provided.

*District Initiative # 2: Coordinate systems and resources to maximize student/employee potential and provide for district-wide efficacy*

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