

HERMOSA BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Sharon L. McClain, Ed. D.
District Superintendent

DATE: September 10, 2008

SUBJECT: PROJECT FORWARD PROPOSAL

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Education discuss the proposal as presented by the City School Compact, and to take action or provide staff with direction as necessary.

BACKGROUND

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With this understanding and with an appreciation of the historic roots of this process, the Committee will work to find common ground among various constituencies in the community, identify broadly supported goals, and ultimately come to consensus around a declaration of guiding principles for community. The guiding principles will be more substantive than a "wish list" because the Committee will thoroughly weigh and evaluate the various wants, needs and resources available to Hermosa Beach.

The Committee will present its declaration of guiding principles to the City Council and the School Board.

Proposal Details

Committee Name: Project Forward

Committee Structure:

- 10 voting members (must be a Hermosa Beach resident)
- 2 non-voting members (1 Council member and 1 School Board member)
- Committee Chair chosen by 10 voting members

Meeting Structure:

- Monthly pre-scheduled meetings (*monthly date needs to be identified*)
- Report to City Council in May 2009
- Public input encouraged and a crucial element of all discussions

Committee Selection:

- Each Council and School Board member will select one committee member

Committee Goal:

- The Committee will be charged with drafting a declaration of guiding principles